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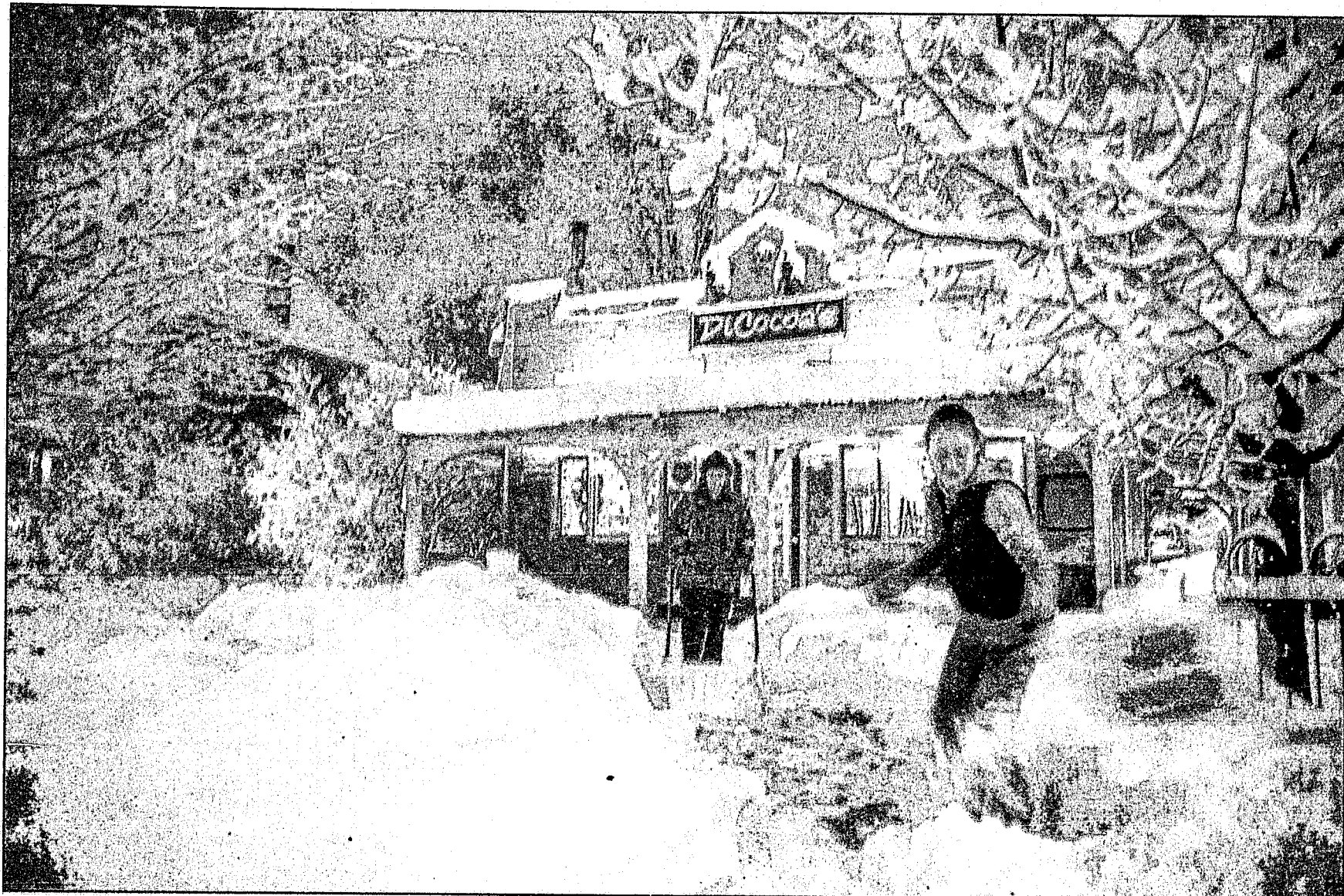
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The Bethel area got hit with yet another winter storm Sunday night. Early Monday morning Iz Yankura (foreground) and Marcia Hilton dug out in front of Cafe DiCocoa on Main Street in Bethel. More snow was a possibility for the end of the week. For more snow photos, see Page 9.

Carol Savage

What to do with the library of a town that is no more?

By Amy Chapman

Selectmen in Newry are considering what, if anything, should be done with the several hundred books that once comprised the public lending library of the former town of Grafton, just north of Newry.

Town Administrator Loretta Powers said, "Since there's no town of Grafton anymore, and no one really knows who the library belongs to, I e-mailed [Oxford County Administrator] Scott Cole to ask what to do with it, how to preserve it, insure it, or whatever."

After the December County Commissioners meeting, Cole responded, "The question was met with more questions. What may the options be for disposition of the Grafton Library? A historical society? Would the town guarantee safekeeping? The coun-

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Newry grapples with tax collection issues

By Amy Chapman

Newry selectmen discussed several issues relating to property taxes at their Dec. 17 meeting.

Town Administrator Loretta Powers informed the board that there are currently 18 condominium units in town with tax bills in arrears. She said most of the properties are quarter-shares, with multiple owners.

At least one owner, who has past due taxes dating to 2007, is in bankruptcy proceedings, but the town's attorney told Powers that the owner is still responsible for the taxes.

Given the circumstances, Selectman Wendy Hanscom said, "What it's going to come down to is, it's just going to sit there until it sells, and then when it sells, you'll collect the taxes on it."

The Maine Municipal Association recently suggested that the town could send overdue tax bills to condominium owners' associations. Powers said the

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Locals welcome opening of new Hanover store

By Maria Hagigeorges Holloway

"It has been a big loss for our townspeople and campers," says Bruce Powell, referring to the recent closing of two convenience stores on either side of his campground located on Route 2 in Hanover. After careful consideration, Powell decided to take the plunge and open a full service variety store to meet the needs of the surrounding community.

The Stony Brook Variety, just a half mile east of Newry Corner, is located at Stony Brook Recreation. The business is officially open and the positive feedback and excitement is already building. "We're glad you're here," and "We missed having a store in town," say local patrons, whose only options have been either a trip to Bethel or Rumford. Now the folks of Hanover and Newry have a store close by to pur-

chase groceries, newspapers, coffee, sandwiches and more. Even more important in this rural community is that there is once again a gathering spot to catch up on town happenings and socialize with neighbors and friends.

Bruce and Shirley Powell have owned and operated Stony Brook Recreation as a year round campground for nearly 30 years. The store has typically been open dur-

ing the summer months, providing only limited supplies for campers. The space has since been revamped to include a wide selection of stocked items and seating for up to 10 customers who wish to eat in.

The structure was the former Ezra Chapman House, built in 1860. The Chapmans farmed the 100+ acres until 1962 when the family sold the property. The original entrance to the house

now serves as a quaint dining area for the store.

Powell stocks a wide selection of groceries, including milk, eggs, cheese and bread, and serves foods such as hot and cold sandwiches, soups, pizza (whole or by the slice), hot dogs, coffee, homemade old fashioned donuts, muffins, breakfast sandwiches and more. Several newspapers are available in-

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NEW STORE IN HANOVER
Stony Brook Variety clerk Pete Morin and manager Gary Fleming at the coffee station. The new store is located a half mile east of Newry Corner, at Stony Brook Recreation. Owners Bruce and Shirley Powell have operated the Stony Brook Recreation year-round campground for almost 30 years.

M. Hagigeorges Holloway

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Letters

COSTS A WORRY. IN ANDOVER WITHDRAWAL

To the Editor:

We have always found it difficult to hand over our hard-earned money to a government that pools our dollars with those of our neighbors to buy things it believes we should all have. Over the years we have reluctantly surrendered to the government massive amounts of our money to pay for roads to drive on, bridges to cross, buildings to meet in, places to dump our trash, people to protect our family, places to rent books, land to hike on, grass to look at and people to mow the grass, sandy beaches to swim and people to see that we didn't drown, more people to teach our children, more buildings to accommodate them, oil to heat the buildings, and so on.

Some things are important to us, some are not. The bridges and roads we all share should be a priority, but seem to take a back seat unless the peasants beg for the tax increases (required?) to fix them. We don't have much say in how our money is spent, nor how much they demand every year. The land we own, the size of our house, whether we paint it or not; these are the arbitrary criteria used to determine our share. The way it works is that we vote for government officials and trust them to do the right thing. We don't question their motives. We don't watch over their shoulders. Big mistakes.

Eleven years ago, we moved to Andover because the town we had lived in most of our lives had become complicated, senseless and unaffordable. Our property taxes increased from \$500 to \$5,000 as we raised our son and he was "lucky enough" to attend such a stellar, desirable school system. Despite all of the money spent, it wasn't any different than the next school. In fact, test scores were lower. Spending was out of control, the machine of government was growing like a cancer. They added a \$55 million addition to the high school, complete with a beautiful (off limits) central courtyard. That building is now half empty; the anticipated population increase never materialized.

One day, we felt compelled to leave that place. We wanted to live in a new place where the people in charge did not spend money frivolously. A place where every financial decision was carefully weighed and where money was not wasted. A place where property taxes only kept pace with inflation. Lately, we have been wondering if such a place exists.

Two years ago, our Andover property taxes increased more than 30 percent, nary a whimper of protest from anyone. The following year, another significant increase. Again, no complaints. We wondered how retired people and those with modest resources could afford it. As the school closing saga continues, causing astronomical tax hikes with ever-increasing unknown costs, we wonder if it is worth it. We wonder why it suddenly costs so many more tax dollars to run this school. It's not any different than before. We wonder if these officials know what they are doing, if they are telling us the truth. We wonder that with no accurate master plan even possible, (over-guessing is the best they can do now) how much more they will demand from us year after year, in order to address the perhaps valid reasons the school district decided to close the school in the first place. The school is old and needs lots of work, maybe even replacement. We wonder what will happen when no one can pay their taxes... will they all leave?

Once Andover decides to withdraw, it will pass a point of no return. Will town officials continue to automatically increase taxes on Andover citizens to the point of massive tax foreclosures? Are they so focused on this mission, they can't see the forest for the trees? Do they really believe that closing a little elementary school will ruin a town, but doubling property taxes will have little or no effect?

We've seen this all before. Once an enormous tax hike is dutifully swallowed by trusting taxpayers, there will be more. The floodgates are open. Living a similar nightmare for many years, we always voted for lower taxes, but always in the minority. Surrendering more and more of our hard-earned money became too frustrating, and we finally left. After moving to Andover, we made a conscious decision to stay out of town politics, seeking a quiet, peaceful way of life. We liked the town just the way it was. The people in charge seemed to be doing a great job. But when an issue so seriously threatens to affect our way of life, we must speak out.

Yes, children need to be prepared for the day they venture out on their own. That preparation for life can include public schools, private schools, home schools, colleges, military, work experience, trade training. It doesn't matter so much where the learning occurs, but rather the quality of the teaching, and most importantly, the student's proclivity in assimilating the information provided, and building upon it. A school is just an empty building. It's the people and their motivation that matter.

The quality of life of every Andover resident is at risk. This is not just about students, not just about the little grammar school that sits over on Pine Street. We recognize this. It is the beginning of the cancer.

Brenda Stickney
Andover

VOTE 'YES' ON WITHDRAWAL

To the Editor:

Why I will be voting yes on Andover's withdrawal from SAD 44: It's the best way to have control over the education of all of Andover's children and to control the costs of our education spending.

It is the only real long term option to keep our elementary school open. There is no argument that putting young children on a very long bus ride is not conducive to learning. Parental involvement in education is encouraged yet how many parents will be able to participate on any regular meaningful basis when it means a 60 mile round trip to Bethel?

It has been shown that small towns, like Andover, that lose their schools suffer economic decline including lower property values (which translates into a higher tax rate). I'm not talking about maybe - this is what has happened in other towns in Maine and across the country.

A recent letter from a fellow SAD 44 school board member was very critical of the Andover Withdrawal Committee and the Dec. 5 public hearing in Andover. This same person was the chair of the district's withdrawal committee, the one that refused to sit down at the table and negotiate face to face with Andover's committee, insisting on using lawyers to do their work. I'd estimate it cost the SAD 44 school district (read taxpayers) tens of thousands of extra dollars in legal fees, simply because they couldn't be bothered to sit down at the table with the citizens of Andover.

Staying in the district and continuing to go through the closure process every year and to pay extra to keep Andover's elementary school open is NOT a viable option for ANYONE, not the students, not the staff, not the District, not the parents, not the voters. There are those who want to make you believe in the possibility of some long term agreement between the town and SAD 44, yet the former SAD 44 board chair himself stated emphatically at a school board meeting that such a long term agreement was not possible because it would be "encumbering future boards" and that is not legally permissible.

It has been suggested that we not make our decision based on emotion because I guess feeling emotion on this critically important decision for the future of our kids and our town somehow disqualifies a person from making informed and rational decisions. People very naturally feel emotion when they feel very strongly about something, when it matters, when it really counts. When I cast my YES vote I assure you I will be proudly feeling a deluge of emotions. I hope that the other voters will feel likewise.

Tim Akers, SAD 44 School Board Member and
Andover Withdrawal Committee Member
Andover

VOTE 'YES' IN ANDOVER

To the Editor:

I have never publicly expressed my opinion on anything concerning town affairs. This vote is very important to me as I have compassion for the town of Andover in which I was born and raised. We must vote to do what is morally right for our children as well as our for our town.

Three years ago an article was put in the town warrant to close down the town hall due to upkeep costs. It makes me more proud to live here when I now look at the hall and see how the spirit of our little town pulled through once again. A very giving and dedicated group of citizens met weekly to work on the hall in the town that they love.

We can do the same for our school as long as we stay united and vote yes to withdraw.
Jim Coolidge
Andover

TOWNSPEOPLE CONTROL OUR SPENDING

To the Editor:

Andover - We've done it before, we can do it again! Recently a mailing against Andover School was sent out with no name on it. If people won't put their name out there, then why would we think they have correct information? My name is Susan Merrow and voters in Andover know me. I have worked for the last six years as Selectperson and in other capacities to help lower, maintain, or minimize taxes in Andover. Together we have reduced. Here are examples:

We, as townspeople, voted to have town employees pay 25 percent of their health insurance - it was 100 percent taxpayer paid before.

We, as townspeople, lowered the transfer station budget from \$77,000 to \$48,000 and improved the facility with single-sort recycling, a new employee shack and more.

We, as townspeople, have maintained taxes - even after we lost \$60,000 in taxes from the Andover Wood Products. Think of that, our taxes are the same or lower and we have lost over \$60,000 from one taxpayer! Not to mention a 40 percent decrease in State Revenue Sharing. This is not by chance, this is by hard work.

We, as townspeople, have reduced our Fire Dept. taxation from \$35,000 to a current taxation of \$25,000 (Big Thank you Chief Rob Dixon and all volunteers who work hard to make do with no increase in spending).

We, as townspeople, control our local property taxes, not Washington, D.C., and not Augusta, Maine, and certainly not the people at SAD 44.

So, please vote YES on Jan. 7 with me and the other Andover taxpayers who have seen our work pay off - you will be very happy to look back and say you voted YES to control our own school tax spending. I know that because of the people who are active, and working hard to make sure - just like the people who achieved all the great savings on the accomplishments listed above.

One final thought, did you know that just last year Arundel lost their vote to withdraw, and now their School District committed them to a \$75 million dollar bond - and now their taxes are going way up without their control. Don't let this happen to Andover, vote Yes for local tax control.

Susan Merrow
Andover

GIVE ANDOVER A CHOICE

To the Editor:

The most important reason for a YES vote on Jan. 7, 2014, is that it gives ANDOVER a choice and a voice about our school, about our children's education and about how we want to spend our tax dollars. We all make choices based on our varying family needs. And for our family, living in Andover and having a school in the community in which we live fulfills what we deem important to our quality of life and how we want to raise our child. What we all have in common is we call Andover home. There is something special here for everyone.

So remember what it is that you love about Andover and why you choose to live here. A vote yes gives our town the right to decide how we want to spend our tax dollars, how we want our school to look and perform and how we want our town to look in the future. I believe in Andover and believe we as taxpayers can manage our money in our town and keep what makes Andover special. And for our family it's important to KEEP EDUCATION in ANDOVER!

Amber Cooper
Andover

AN OPPORTUNITY IN ANDOVER

To the Editor:

The taxpayers of Andover have an opportunity presented to us that we have not had for well over 40 years!

When we vote to withdraw from SAD 44, we will have a CHOICE - a choice to keep the school up and running, a choice to control the budget, and a choice to close it should it become a tax burden we can't afford in the future.

The choice is ours, and I urge all to get out and vote.

Sharon Hutchins
Andover

VOTE 'YES' ON WITHDRAWAL

To the Editor:

I live in Andover because my husband and his family grew up here, our livelihood is here, but most of all, there is a sense of community here.

I had the pleasure of attending the Alumni Banquet the past couple of years, which is held in the gym at Andover Elementary School. It has been a wonderful experience seeing the former AES students returning to their sense of place and honoring them as Alumni. I will be voting YES on Jan. 7 for them.

My daughter currently attends AES and she loves it, she is thriving because of the small classroom and the staff I will be voting YES her.

There are children in Andover that are preparing for their first day of school in the Fall. I will be voting YES for them and future generations.

Before I close this letter, I would like to thank the Andover Withdrawal Committee and others who have helped along the way for their hard work and dedication to this process and I would like to thank the SAD 44 Withdrawal Committee and the SAD 44 board for all their hard work in this process.

I do feel that it takes a village to raise a child, let's continue to be that village and vote YES on Jan. 7.

Darlene Akers
Andover

CLARIFICATION

MOST TELSTAR CMCC STUDENT COSTS PAID FOR-An article in the Dec. 19 Citizen should have included the additional information that tuition and fees for four Telstar students currently attending CMCC are paid for through grant funds provided by Project Opportunity. Additional funds donated by Sunday River Resort will pay for book costs. The students have been responsible for their own transportation.

Our Back Pages

BY DANNA BROWN NICKERSON

10 years ago: Becky Slatery, a junior at Gould Academy, was recently named "Outstanding 4-H Member" in Oxford County.

A tractor trailer hauling recycled cardboard rolled over onto the Ellis River Bridge at the intersection of Routes 2 and 5, blocking traffic most of the day.

Deaths: Bruce Alvin Thurlow, Florence M. Melville, Gwendolyn G. Currier, Roy Edmund Fowler, Maynard L. Hazelton, Beverly June Andrews, Edda May Carver, Abigail Gill Buswell.

20 years ago: Heating oil prices were the lowest in 8 years at 65.9¢ per gallon, 13¢ a gallon cheaper than the previous year.

Despite a recent cold snap, the State Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife was warning people to be cautious on local ponds and lakes.

Deaths: Karla D. Millett, Mildred B. Poulin, Sharon Lea Oldenburg, Kellie J. Haines.

30 years ago: Several 1983 Telstar alumni met with current juniors and seniors at the school to talk about the college experiences.

The skating rinks at Crescent Park School and the Only Place Restaurant in West Bethel were nearly ready for use.

Birth: Joel Louis Doyon.

Deaths: Archie H. Wal-tanen, Mrs. Florence C. Bean, Jorgen Olson.

40 years ago: Daylight "Energy Saving" Time was to go into effect on Jan. 6, and people were reminded to set their clocks ahead one hour.

The Town and Country Motor Inn, Shelburne, N.H., was destroyed by fire. Damage was estimated at \$500,000.

Birth: Deborah Ann Ding-ley.

50 years ago: New owners, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kuzyk, had installed a soda fountain and booths in their Campus Malt Shop and Restaurant, formerly Cotton's.

Robert and Rodney Swain, Andover, attended a two-day Nordic training camp at Auburn, and received instruction in jumping and cross country.

Births: Judith Carol Ham-ilton, Sally Lou Bennoch.

Deaths: Phillips C. Brooks, Errol O. Dona-hue, Sr.

60 years ago: Mrs. Sally Glines Bodwell purchased Sylvia's Beauty Shoppe on Mechanic Street.

Barbara Lucas' and Elinor Coffin's humorous book, "Hell, You Can Drive," was being greeted with encouraging comments.

Deaths: Frank E. Brooks, Mrs. Christine Berry, Rolin Dinsmore.

70 years ago: Ice was being harvested from Songo Pond.

A sharp reduction was noted in the allotment of tires, cars, and bikes, according to government war regulation.

Deaths: Frank Packard, William B. Adams.

80 years ago: Mrs. Madeline Parlin was awarded first prize in the garden contest among 151 contestants in the state.

The Mothers Club held a mother-daughter banquet at Maple Inn. Forty mothers and daughters gathered there.

Deaths: John R. Parsons, Mrs. John McBride, Mrs. Emma Bartlett.

90 years ago: A snowstorm of about 13 inches brought cheer to lumbermen.

Guests at Bethel Inn enjoyed sleighing, straw rides, skiing, tobogganing, snow-shoeing, etc. over the holiday.

Death: John E. Chapman.

100 years ago: Eva Bean was attending Colby College.

Porter Farwell and son had a Sharples milking machine installed in their barn. The machine was run by a three horse power engine. The Farwells had a large herd of cows.

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LIBRARY

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ty is also an option if there seemed to be a lean toward none of the above."

Cole said the Commissioners will revisit the question at their meeting on Jan. 21, and Newry officials are welcome to join them then. Powers said she hopes to attend that meeting.

The books currently reside in two glass-fronted wooden bookcases in the Newry Town Office. Most date from the late 1800s and are in excellent condition. Many are still protected by the brown paper covers that were placed on them when they were added to the library well over a century ago. A bookplate in the front of each volume identifies it as the property of the Grafton Library.

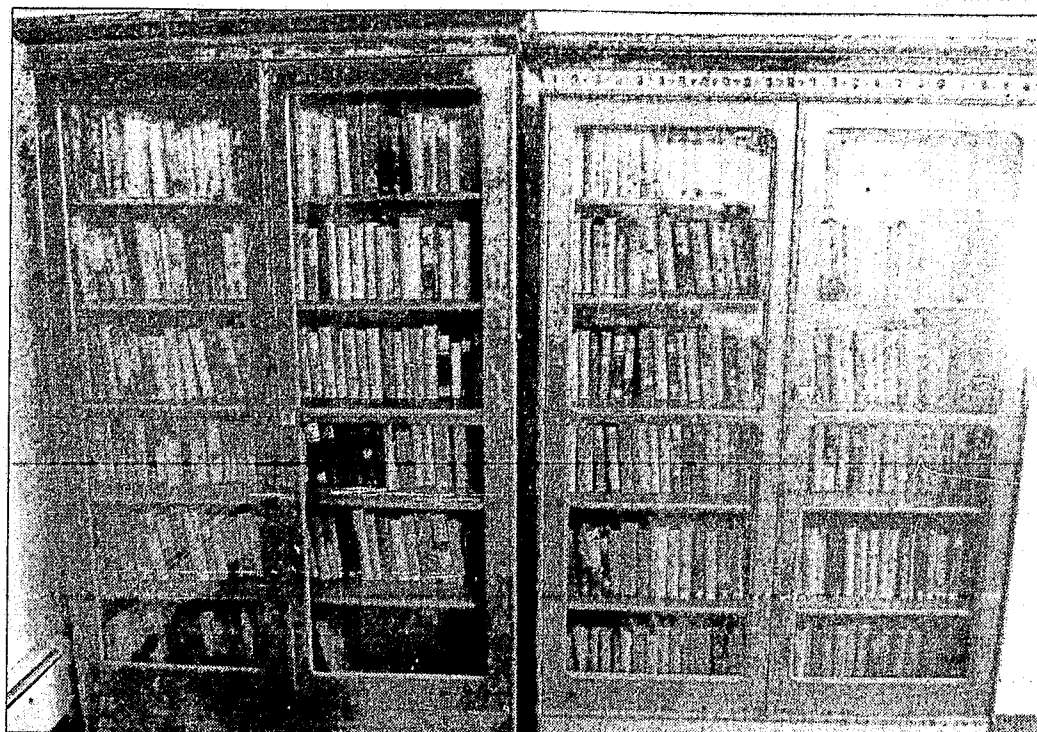
Grafton, the town

That Grafton had a library at all may come as a surprise to many. Grafton existed as a town for less than 70 years, and throughout that time was extremely isolated. Although during the winters it was home to multiple logging camps, each housing as many as a hundred men, the town's year-round population peaked in 1880 at 115.

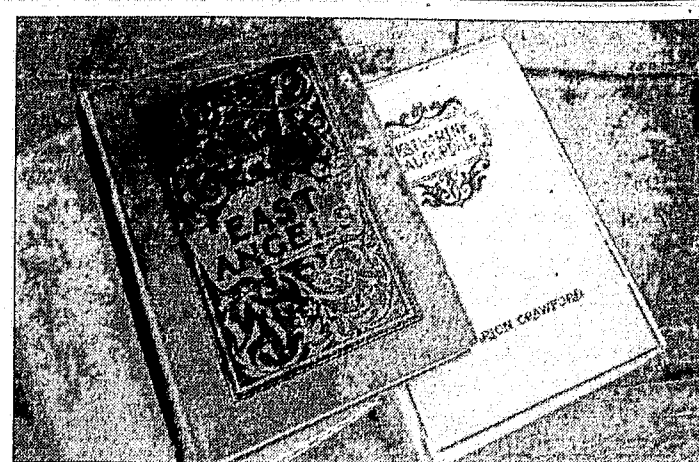
Leslie Davis, who was born in Grafton in 1892 and lived most of his childhood there, wrote in his memoir of rare trips to Bethel, more than 20 miles away: "A trip to the store was a real event...most families did not make a trip to the store more than two or three times a year."

Davis recalled that his father usually traveled to Bethel from Grafton in the fall, "and carried with him one or more butchered hogs or beef and some butter, which he exchanged for flour, sugar and a few other smaller grocery items."

Margaret Joy Tibbetts researched Grafton in 1988 for the Bethel Historical Society's newsletter, The Bethel Courier. "Basically, Grafton was always a very small and primitive pioneer settlement," she wrote. "There was a post office, but never a real store. There was no church; in the summer, ministers came occasionally from Upton or Newry for services in



The Newry Town Office is currently home to several hundred books that once comprised the public lending library of the town of Grafton.



Popular novels from the late 19th century were a part of the Grafton Library's collection, which is now housed at the Newry Town Office.

A. Chapman

the schoolhouse, and there were occasional evangelical 'missionaries' to the men in the lumber camps."

But despite their isolation—or maybe because of it—the residents of Grafton were adept at making their own entertainment. "There were parties to which everyone was invited and to which almost everyone went," Tibbetts wrote. "There was dancing and...such things as molasses candy, roasted peanuts, lemonade in the summer, berry pies, fudge from a new recipe, etc. There was a Fourth of July picnic for the children and a Christmas tree at the schoolhouse each year."

And there was a library. Its existence was due largely to the efforts of one woman, Mary Brown Otis, the daughter of one of Grafton's original founders, who was born and lived nearly all of her life in the town.

The area northwest of Newry was a vast tract of wilderness in 1834, when James Brown, who had established a lumbering business there, brought his new wife to his rustic log cabin.

According to a Lewiston Journal story by Sadie Hanscom about the history of Grafton (12/14/1940), "the bridal

trip was made on foot, by ox team, and even by crossing the river on floating logs." Fortunately for his bride, the former Ruth Swan of Newry, "Captain Jim" had thoughtfully presented her with "a pair of custom-made, long-legged calfskin boots" as a wedding gift.

The Browns' daughter Mary, delivered in the log cabin in 1839, was the first child born in the new settlement, which would not incorporate as a town until 1852. Hanscom stated that Mary "had an exceptionally good mind and became very well educated for those days. After her training in the home schoolroom, she went to the Academy at Paris Hill, where she attained high scholarship."

Mary returned home after her schooling, became a teacher, and married George Otis, who worked for her father.

Hanscom wrote, "It was to the initiative of this woman, Mary Brown Otis, that a library was made possible for Grafton. By means of suppers, socials, entertainments, etc., the money was slowly accumulated and the library grew to over 1,000 volumes. These were housed in private homes."

The 1880 Atlas of Oxford

County, Maine shows some two dozen homesteads in Grafton, most of them north of Grafton Notch. Less than 40 years later, however, the population had dwindled to just a few families.

"There were several miles of relatively flat land above the Notch where there was room for farms," wrote Tibbetts, "but because of the short growing season, farming was of necessity limited; livestock, hay, sometimes potatoes, and grain (usually oats) were the main crops. Frosts came unfailingly in late June and mid-August, and were not unknown in July."

Logging had always been the only reliable way to make a living in Grafton, and after several decades of heavy cutting, most of the harvestable timber was gone.

"Even if its inhabitants had not cut off their wood so prodigally," Tibbetts wrote, "Grafton could not have survived, for there was no other source of livelihood."

One by one, families moved away, and in 1919 the town surrendered its charter. Most of the houses were sold to the Brown Company, which razed them to reduce fire danger. The company then launched a reforestation effort, planting trees to replace

those that had been cut, and today there is little evidence that a settlement once existed there.

No one seems quite sure how the contents of the Grafton Library came into Newry's possession. Hanscom's 1940 article says, "The books are now at Upton, having been taken there when the township was abandoned."

Newry selectman Brooks Morton remembers that at one time the library was housed in a farmhouse belonging to Bessey Leonard that once stood across the street from the present Newry Town Office.

At some point, the collection was moved to the historic Sunday River schoolhouse. After SAD 44 transferred ownership of the former Raymond C. Foster Elementary School to the town, and it was converted into municipal office space, the library was moved there. Morton said the Sunday River schoolhouse was unheated, and it was thought that continuing to subject the books to extremes of heat and humidity would hasten their deterioration.

For now, the Grafton Library is at home in one corner of the large public space at the Town Office, where an old map of Oxford County, which shows the town of Grafton as it existed in the late 19th century, is preserved under glass. Powers said she does not allow the Grafton Library books to be removed from the Town Office, but people

are welcome to look through them there.

In addition to the contents of the library, the town of Newry is also in possession of vital records from Grafton, which have been stored, along with Newry's own earliest vital records, in an old safe in the basement of the town office.

Morton said the old records are fragile, and the board has begun discussing whether to have Newry's records professionally treated to prevent them from degrading further, as has been done recently in at least one other area town.

Woodstock voters appropriated \$20,000 last year toward preserving some of the town's vital records that had begun to degrade over time.

"We had our oldest birth, marriage, and death records, as well as some of our town clerk books, preserved," said Woodstock Town Manager Vern Maxfield. "They take the books completely apart, de-acidify the paper, then seal it."

After being placed between clear protective sheets, the pages are rebound. Woodstock has had 12 record books preserved so far, and will be sending out a few more for preservation. Maxfield said the procedure costs between \$1,000 and \$1,500 per book, and preserves the records indefinitely.

Newry selectmen expect to have further discussions of both the Grafton library and the old town records over the next few months.

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Selectman Brooks Morton said he thought any change regarding the discount policy should be discussed at the annual town meeting, to which the board agreed. It was decided that selectmen would discuss the issue further and present a

Powers said she would discuss the possible change

several locations in town where more than two businesses share the premises and there is no mention in the ordinance of sign kiosks, which allow several business names to be listed. Bonney said he plans to ask John Maloney, Senior Planner at AVCOG, for input regarding definitions and enforcement on issues that are not specifically mentioned in the ordinance.

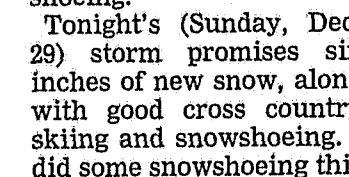
By Alison Aloisio

The primary question on Tuesday's ballot is: Do you favor the withdrawal of

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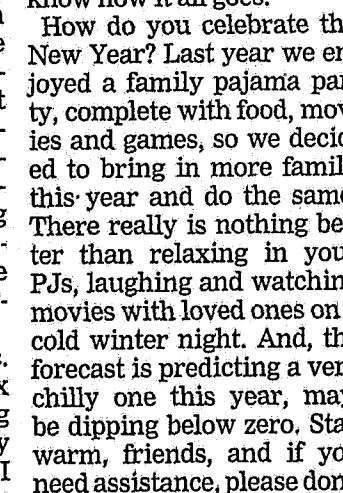
A public hearing on the issues will take place Saturday at the Town Hall at 10 a.m.

By NANCY BROWN



East Delta

By CHERRI CROCKETT



The next meeting will be on Jan. 10 at Stan Howe's home on Broad Street. There will be a 6 p.m. potluck supper and the meeting at 7 p.m.

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The Powells have been prominent members of the community for many years. Bruce, a former selectperson in Hanover, retired seven years ago from SAD 44, where he served as business manager. Two years ago, he returned to the school



district, where he now works part time. Shirley works full-time as CEO of Indian Stream Health Center in Colebrook, N.H., where Bruce also does some consulting on special projects. The Powells' daughter, Kristen Powell of Portland, will be coming to Hanover with her two children this summer to help

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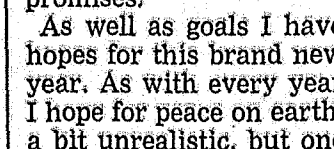


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By Sharon Bouchard



Hope is what keeps most of us going

To be perfectly honest, I don't have a lot of hope that my hopes for 2011 will be fulfilled, but hope is what keeps most of us going. I do have one more big hope and the way to see it the most important one of all... I hope that all of you have a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

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OCSD Patrol Log

Tuesday, Dec. 24

At 5:04 p.m. Sgt. Tim Holland responded to Mayville Road in Bethel for a subject having a medical emergency in a vehicle in a parking lot. The subject was treated by Bethel Rescue.

Wednesday, Dec. 25

At 5:24 p.m. Deputy Peter Casey responded to the Parkway in Bethel for a report that a Jeep Wrangler was stuck on the snowmobile trail near the skatepark. The driver mistook it for an exit ramp from the Parkway.

Thursday, Dec. 26

At 4:15 p.m. a report was received that a small car with a flat tire was in the double lanes on Mayville Road in Bethel. There were several cars behind the vehicle. Deputy Dave Hodgson responded.

At 4:19 p.m. Deputy Dave Hodgson responded to the Intervale Road in Bethel for a report of a vehicle off the road into a tree. There were no injuries.

At 9:18 p.m. Cpl. George Cayer investigated a bail violation and other crimes after an assault in East Andover.

Friday, Dec. 27

Deputy Dave Hodgson received a call from Bethel about a violation of a protection from abuse order. It was under investigation.

At 3:22 p.m. a subject reported she thought someone had stayed in her condo in Bethel last July without her knowledge. Deputy Dave Hodgson was assigned.

Saturday, Dec. 28

At 4:31 a.m. a caller on the Intervale Road in Bethel reported a truck had hit a telephone pole, knocking out power, and there were people trying to shovel the truck out. Deputy Andy Whitney responded.

At 10:16 a.m. Deputy Dani Welch stopped a vehicle for speeding on Route 26 in Greenwood. Marijuana and paraphernalia were located inside the vehicle.

At 10:41 p.m. Deputy Richard Murray responded to Walkers Mills Road in Bethel for a single-vehicle rollover. Three subjects were taken to the hospital.

At 10:05 a.m. Deputy Andy Whitney received a report of trespassing in Bethel. The suspect was issued a warning.

Sunday, Dec. 29

At 6:33 p.m. Deputy Richard Murray responded to the intersection of Mechanic and Railroad streets in Bethel for a two-vehicle crash with no injuries.

Gilead

By LIN CHAPMAN



I would like to wish everyone a safe and a Happy New Year now that 2014 has arrived. It seems like just a short time ago we had to get used to saying and writing 2013.

My brother, Steve McLain, has been enjoying a couple of days off from his employment at SAD 44. The maintenance crew works most of Christmas week while the children are on vacation. It is a good time to check out the buses while they are not out on the road transporting children every day.

Mary Tyler spent Christmas Day with family in Berlin, N.H. Her brother, Merle Cole, Sr., invited her to spend the day at his home with three of his children, Merle, Jr., Sheila and Brenda, and all of their families.

Steve and Lise McLain received Christmas greetings from all three of their boys: Stephen and his family in Virginia, Joey in Montana and Brad, who is temporarily in North Dakota.

Norm Buttrick and Cathy McGuire spent Christmas in Gilead with Cathy's son and family. They stopped by the house the day after Christmas and joined us for a cup of coffee and helped us dispose of some of the Christmas cookies.

Hugh and I were quite busy this past week. After picking Chris and Kym up at the airport, we have been traveling around and doing some shopping and visiting. Our grandson, Benjamin arrived Tuesday night and stayed until Saturday. We had a full



AES STUDENTS OF THE MONTH-The Andover Elementary School Students of the month for December are, from left: Emma Clukey (grade 2/3), Codi Duclos (2/3), Hayley Smith (K/1) and Dillan Smith (4/5). The theme was "Respect." Submitted photo

house. We spent Christmas Day at Tim and Michele's house. As always, they had plenty to eat and everyone had a great time. Tim and Chris had a chance to catch up and tell a few stories that the grandchildren enjoyed. Others present were Michele's parents, Leo and Ann Croteau and the grandchildren; Ben Chapman, William Chapman, Annie Chapman, Ajay Landry and Sidney Chapman.

Last Sunday, Ben headed back home to Ellsworth to spend some time with his family there. He has to return to the Coast Guard Academy on Jan. 4. After he left, Hugh and I drove Chris and Kym to Portland to catch their 11 a.m. flight back to Omaha, by way of Chicago. They called when they arrived safely home in Omaha around 6:30 p.m.

As Chris was calling, we were driving into Tim's driveway to join everyone for a birthday party for Michele. The party was hosted by Ann, her mother. Those who attended were Leo and Ann Croteau, William Chapman, Annie Chapman, Ajay Landry and Sidney Chapman.

Last Sunday was a good day to stay home, catch up and get ready for the upcoming storm. It seems that waiting for a storm is becoming the "thing to do" lately.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com.

Locke's Mills

By BETSEY FOSTER



Well, we've made it through 2013. That brings up the great unfinished stories of this past year. Number one: What happened to the cow on the roof of Saunders Brothers Mill? Not much. It appeared to have fallen victim to heavy winds and was last seen hanging from the roof in a quite deflated state. Who knows whether she will make another appearance come summer.

Number two: the lost ski pole. I wrote about leaving it near the Goose Eye trail

head. I have been asked many times if it was returned. No. I bought a new pair hoping the old one would then show up. Didn't happen. The pole was easily replaced. The memories it held can't ever be.

Reminder that the town office open house will be Jan. 10, 1 to 4 p.m. Refreshments will be available. Many of us are hoping Selectman Amy Chapman (and also a great cook) will be making cookies for the event. Hint. Hint.

I was talking with our fire chief, Al Curtis, Jr. recently. As I write this, there have been no chimney fires in Greenwood so far. However, he mentioned there have been quite a few south of here. The reason is that people bought pellet stoves and did not realize the chimney had to be cleaned annually when burning pellets. Pellets are wood. Wood creates creosote, especially soft wood. Depending on the type of pellets burned, those pellets can be a significant portion of softwoods. Burn pellets? Have your chimney cleaned.

Chief Curtis said there have been number of medical-related calls lately. The Greenwood Fire Department staff received First Responder/

OCSD Jail Log

Dec. 27, 11:55 p.m.: Bruce E. Thiebault, 44, of Uxbridge, Mass., DV assault, violation of bail conditions; by Deputy Mike Dailey in Newry.

Dec. 28, 6:26 a.m.: Edward G. Mitchell, 34, of Bethel, OUI; by Deputy Andy Whitney in Bethel.

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This is the time of year to keep an eye open for camp vandalism. If you see anything unusual at an unoccupied seasonal camp/home, call 911.

The birds are in continual presence at the bird feeders now. It is the usual assortment here, but there is a bird feeder security guard this winter. A red squirrel sits on a nearby branch and has no problem with the numerous small birds that come to feed. When a blue jay approaches the feeder, he runs right down the tree to chase the jay away. Satisfied he has done his job, he returns to his watch tower until the next jays approach. Guard squirrel.

And, on the subject of birds, researchers announced (drum roll, please) that winter birds feed all day long and increase their intake as it gets closer to the day's end. This is so they have energy to get them through the night when they do not feed. It was previously thought that birds fed only in the morning with a lighter meal at sundown. Wrong. Be kind, feed a bird. Remember that the birds we see right now have flown south to winter with us. This is their idea of a warmer climate.

Please send news to 3taich16@gmail.com.

Upton

By JOE BERNIER



The Ladies Aid Association will begin Sunday breakfasts on Jan. 5 from 8 to 11. Hope to see you there.

The State Line Snowmobile Club will meet Saturday, Jan. 4 at 9 a.m. at the Upton House.

There was very little work to do at my job in December. I have been using up vacation time for the last three weeks. I decided to start cutting firewood for next winter. I sharpened up my saws, fired up the 1940-something International struggle bug (you struggle into the woods, hook up a twitch, and

struggle back out) and commenced the operation. It is a good thing I am not relying on this hard luck logging method to survive, I would probably starve.

Call 533-2010 or e-mail backstjoe@gmail.com with your news.

Andover

By JANE C. RICH



As the old year has ended and a new one begun, there are several important dates regarding Town of Andover business. Tomorrow, Jan. 3, is the deadline for submitting reports and articles for the Town Report and for the photo which will grace the front cover. On Jan. 4, there will be a public hearing at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall regarding the withdrawal from SAD 44 and the upcoming election to vote on same which is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 7. Citizens should inform themselves about the options and of course make every effort to vote. Nomination Papers for the positions of Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor and a School Board Member for Sad 44 are available at the Town Office and must be filed by Jan. 30. Nominating Papers for a Town School Committee, if that is the outcome of the special election, will be due on Jan. 8.

The Cemetery Committee will meet on Jan. 8 at 2 p.m. in the Town Office. The Committee will be trying to resurrect the Cemetery Association which was incorporated on Jan. 2, 1980. The five officers were Charles Cutting, Laura Hutchins, Josephine Poor, Elizabeth Cutting and yours truly. Health issues and deaths led to the association laying fallow since 1981 and maintenance of the cemetery taken over by the town. The present committee will endeavor to renew the association and address current problems at the cemetery.

The Snow Valley Snowmobile club will hold a potluck supper, followed by a regular business meeting on Saturday, Jan. 11, 2014. The potluck

School Lunch

SAD 44 School Lunches Jan. 2 through Jan. 10 Elementary Schools

Thursday: Maxx sticks with dipping sauce or Sun Butter and jelly on wholegrain bread, broccoli with dip, mandarin oranges, fruit choice.

Friday: BBQ rib on a wholegrain bun or Sun Butter and fluff on wholegrain bread, yogurt, sweet potato fries, baked beans, strawberry cup, peach slices.

Monday: Popcorn chicken or Sun Butter and jelly on wholegrain bread, savory rice, seasoned peas, mixed fruit, applesauce.

Tuesday: Ravioli with homemade sauce and wholegrain dinner roll or Sun Butter and jelly on wholegrain bread, Caesar salad, diced pears, orange wedges.

Wednesday: Chihuahua dog (turkey frank and cheese wrapped in a wholegrain flour tortilla) or Sun Butter and jelly on wholegrain bread, Tex-Mex beans, carrot fries, chilled fruit cup.

Thursday: Shepherd's pie with wholegrain dinner roll or Sun Butter and jelly on wholegrain bread, green beans, carrot and cabbage slaw, fruit crisp.

Friday: School pizza or Sun Butter and fluff on wholegrain bread, celery sticks, apple, mixed fruit.

will be held at 6 p.m. and the business meeting at 7 p.m. at the clubhouse, located off Route 5, Andover. Everyone interested in snowmobile events in the area is invited to attend. Please bring a dish to share. You can check out the club on Facebook at Andover trails for updates and current trail conditions.

On Saturday, 41 persons gathered at the 43rd annual Coolidge Christmas at the CEB for a delicious meal, lots of laughter and a great Yankee Gift Swap. The "star" of the swap was a musical reindeer hat which is now among my treasures. Sorry Wanda. Thanks to Pete for copies of his CD featuring his original song, "Christmas in Snow Valley" along with three other songs written by him. Thank you to all the Coolidges for making me part of your family celebration. It was great!

Bryant Pond
By ALICE HOYT
The Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens will meet at the Town Conference Room today, Thursday, Jan. 2. Meeting starts at 11:30. Potluck dinner: Please bring a dish to share and your own place settings. Dues of \$2 will be due at this meeting. New members are always welcome. There will



be a game party for the program. Please bring an item for a game prize.

Franklin Grange 24 will meet on Saturday, Jan. 4 at the home of Alice Hoyt. A potluck lunch follows the meeting. Please bring a dish to share. Meeting starts at 10 a.m.

The Woodstock Historical Society will be meeting at the Town Conference Room on Saturday, Jan. 11 for a regular meeting at 6 p.m.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday School at 9:15, Morning Worship at 10:30, Evening Service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening at 6:30 is Mid-Week Service.

There will be no program at the Whitman Memorial Library in January. The library is still open on Tuesday and Thursday.

Happy New Year to all. Thankfully, the ice storm wasn't as bad as expected.

Mason

By RICHARD GROVER



I always used to be pretty good at math. Then I went into the Air Force and became an electronic warfare officer in 1961, and I thought I was pretty "tech savvy." Somewhere along the way since then, I seem to have lost some of my "savvy-ness." Today is Christmas day, and Mona got me a new electric razor for Christmas,

so I had to try it out, of course. I opened the box and laid out all the razor components and accessories with the intention of plugging it in to charge its battery.

The razor has a simple "rest" or "stand" in which the razor reclines while being recharged. The stand is a simple two piece object made of black plastic. There is also a charger unit with an electric cord that plugs into the stand. Simple, huh? I looked at the cord, and then I looked at the stand, and then the razor. I could find no hole in the stand or the razor in which to plug the electric cord. I got out the instructions, which showed the cord being plugged into the base of the stand. I again studied the stand, turning it over and over. No hole!

There must be another piece that has the plug receptacle hole in it. Nope! No more pieces. Another look at the instruction drawings of the plug-in. Another look at the stand. No hole. Finally, I turned the stand over again. Eureka! There it is: a barely noticeable bulge on the bottom of the stand, leading to a barely visible small hole for the electric cord end. I plugged it in, and after the green light came on, I picked up the razor and got a very comfortable and close shave.

I no longer consider myself "high tech" compatible, especially when it comes to computers.

Our winter weather has thrown a monkey wrench in our West Bethel Church Christmas plans. We missed two Sundays because of winter snow and freezing rain before Christmas. This caused us to both miss much of our planned Christmas music and the planned pre-Christmas eve candlelight service. Pastor John Williams adjusted and changed plans, so that last Sunday, Dec. 29, he modified the service to include the missed candlelight service and Christmas readings. This service was well attended by about 50 people who usually come to our Christmas Eve service.

mas Eve service.

The freezing rain of last week also made it treacherous working in the woods. I was logging in the light snowstorm the day before Christmas and found myself frequently slipping and sliding - sometimes falling down. I stuck it out until mid afternoon when I found my left knee becoming increasingly uncomfortable. I then quit logging after cleaning up after a big yellow birch tree I had cut. The knee was the same one I had injured last year, and I think the slippery going caused me to tense up the muscles and suffer inflammation, even though I don't remember injuring it that day. I bought a knee brace at Rite Aid and have been wearing it ever since. As of Sunday evening, the knee is feeling much better. I even went snowshoeing to give Shiloh a walk this afternoon. I hope to get back into the woods tomorrow, even if only to plow the snow expected tonight.

Waterford

By ROCKIE GRAHAM



The year draws to a close. Nothing is chasing, except we get a year older. This weekend, being the weekend after Christmas, and realizing we weren't open the Sunday before and Christmas Day, we got slammed. By Saturday afternoon we ran out of space in the non-corrugated cardboard bin. We also filled three corrugated cardboard bins. That had four of us hopping all weekend. People did not understand that they or we had to throw the non-corrugated away because we had NO space for it. I guess we trained them so well that they couldn't fathom not being able to recycle. Of course taking it home and returning with it Wednesday or next Saturday was an option, but few opted for it. Maybe by next year we will have a different system.

I do not envy our town crew for another night

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Then again, try for some outdoor activity. The elementary ski program begins Jan. 6. Programs will be offered Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 6 through Feb. 14. Transportation costs will be covered by SAD

17 through a PEP grant. These are offered at three sites: Carter's Cross-country, Sunny Croft Farm in Paris, and Western Foothills Land Trust Robert's Farm in Norway, FMI, or to volunteer, please call 739-2124.

Monday, Socrates Café will meet at the Waterford Library, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The topic will be: "Is Information Gathering Good for Society?" Moderator is: Joanne Morse. Coffee and refreshments will be served. FMI call 583-6957. That is all for today. See you all next year.

Master Gardener Volunteer Training

Do you enjoy gardening and being involved in projects that strengthen your community? If so, there still is room in the 2014 Master Gardener Volunteer course. The 15-week training will be held on Wednesday afternoons from 12:30 to 4 p.m., starting Jan. 29 at Region 9. This course is a great opportunity to meet other gardeners, learn the art and science of how plants grow and

to volunteer your time to Maine Harvest for Hunger and other garden-related projects in the community. To apply online, go to <http://umaine.edu/oxford/programs/> and click on the education programs link. Or, you can call the office at 1-800-287-1482 for more information or to have an application mailed to you. The deadline for applications is Wednesday, Jan. 15.

WMAG news

The Western Maine Art Group's Main Street Gallery in Norway will host its monthly First Friday reception on Jan. 3 from 5 to 7 p.m. at 426 Main Street. On display will be photographic works of Richard Bader. Rick has been chosen as our Artist of the Month.

Rick Bader has been taking photographs for over 35 years, falling in love with photography when seeing his first black and white come to life in the darkroom. He is a graduate from the Germain School of Photography in New York City and has worked in studios in New York, San Francisco and Palo Alto.

Rick has fared well in photo competitions over the years, and has seen his work published in newspapers and travel brochures. He takes his inspiration from the interaction between living things and their environment. Rick is currently the president of Richard Bader Physical Therapy in Norway. He lives on an apple orchard with his 19 year old daughter Victoria and beautiful wife Birgit.

Rick's images are a result of a process that Rick calls "Artistic Rendering." In Rick's words, "I manipulate the image in Aperture and Photoshop until I am happy with the result, at times spending over 15 hours before a single image is ready for print. I am blessed to share my passion for travel with my love of photography, and hope these emotions show in the images you see in this show."

Please join Western Maine Art Group at our Friday opening to view the collection of original arts, mosaics, landscapes, figurative paintings, still life paintings, jewelry, and more. Visitors to the gallery on First Fridays will receive 10 percent discounts on selected works.

The gallery is open from Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, art classes, demonstrations, to find out more about Richard Bader and special trips sponsored by us, please visit www.westernmaineartgroup.org, Facebook and Main Street Gallery. The gallery is free and open to the public.

Oxford County Mineral and Gem Assn. open house

In 1948 a group of rock collectors sat down in a Rumford house and created the Oxford County Mineral & Gem Association. Sixty-five years later there are well over 100 members of the club.

Every year we hold a show in July featuring gems, minerals, fossils and jewelry. We award two annual scholarships to local high school graduates and we conduct an annual auction, donating the proceeds to Christmas for Kids and Christmas for Families. This years we gave \$650. Next year we hope for \$1,000.

This past year we sponsored 18 field trips to local mines.

One thing we have never done is have an open house for the public. So, thanks to the Franklin Grange in Bryant Pond, we are doing so. The event will be from 9-1 on Saturday, January 11, 2014.

All interested people are

welcome. Club members will be on hand to identify and appraise rocks and minerals. There will undoubtedly be stuff for sale, including crystals and jewelry. There will also be a silent auction and a chance to buy raffle tickets for three tourmaline rings. The tow pink rings have been donated to help the Grange; a green one to help the club. Each chance only costs \$1.00 and tickets are selling/

So, if you kinda like rocks, collected when you were a kid, have kids who want to collect or have a stash of things your great uncle dug out of a ledge 70 years ago, come and see us.

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Norway Library art exhibit

The Norway Memorial Library invites the public to come and view an art exhibit featuring the students from Oxford Hills Middle School. Art teacher Susan Moccia's students' art theme is Zentangle, a method of controlled doodling. Each student chose a word and drew around their chosen word using sharpies. The art will be displayed until March 2014. For more information please call the library at 743-5309 ext. 1, or visit the library's web site at www.norway.lib.me.us.

OCSWCD Photo Contest

The Oxford County Soil and Water Conservation District is looking for your best conservation photo to grace the cover of the 2013 Annual Report.

The photo must fall under the category of conservation, but may be any one of the following: agriculture, forestry or soil and water. For entry instructions, please e-mail jean.federico@me.nacdn.net.

One winner will be selected. First prize will be an agricultural package of great items provided by Aubuchon Hardware, Paris Farmers Union and Young's Greenhouse. Three Honorable Mention winners will also be selected, but will not receive prizes. All winning photos will receive media publicity, and will be framed for display at the 2014 Annual Meeting. Please call the Oxford County Soil and Water Conservation District (743-5789, ext. 111) with questions. The final date for entries is Feb. 14, 2014.

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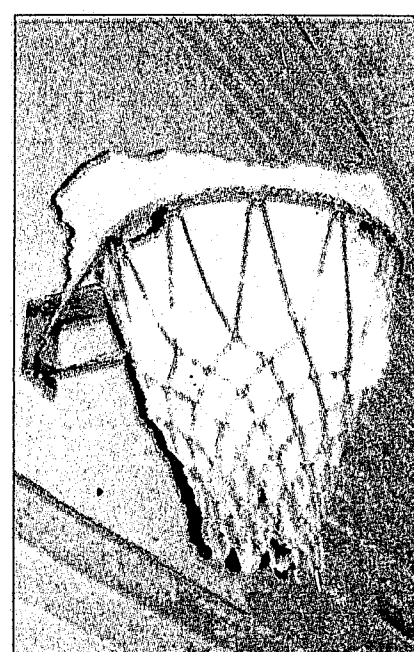
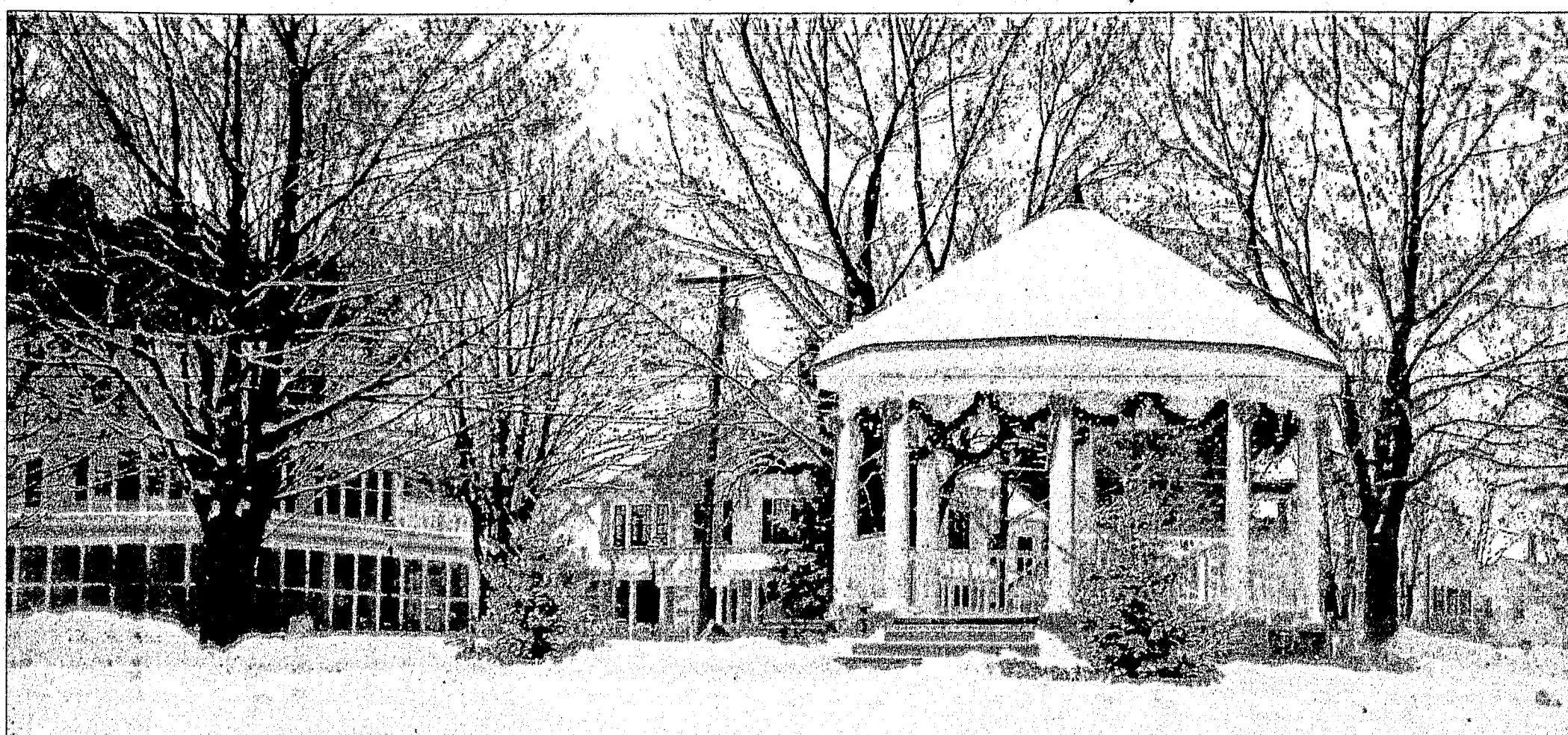
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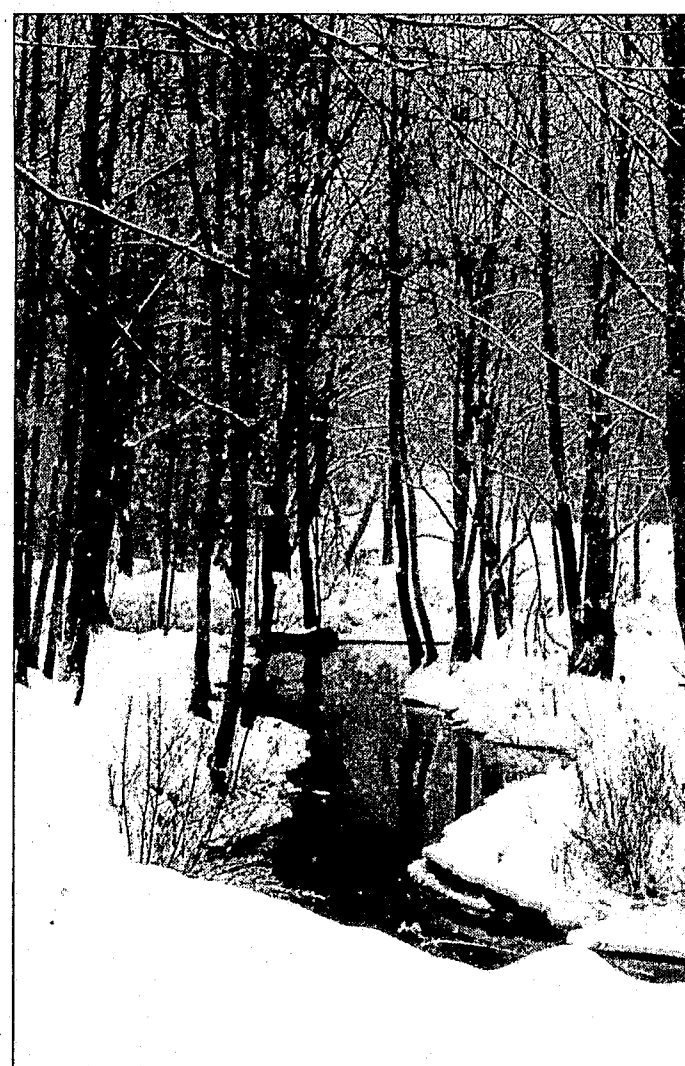
For the 2013/2014 season, the Mountain Explorer will operate daily beginning December 20, and operate into the spring as long as funding permits. Service is subject to change without notice. The Mountain Explorer is operated by Western Maine Transportation Services and is supported by the towns of Bethel and Newry, the FTA, MaineDOT, Sunday River, The Bethel Inn Resort, local businesses, associations and other sponsors listed on the back of this schedule.

Frustrating and fabulous



Recent snow storms may have been hard on the backs of shovelers, but there was no denying the beauty. Counterclockwise, from top: the Bethel Common at sunrise; trees near the Bethel Fire Station; a shoveler on Mason Street in Bethel; a shoveler and the town's snowblower outside the Bethel Library; Lake Christopher in Bryant Pond; the Crooked River in Albany; a slam dunk by Mother Nature.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

District Exchange; Bethel Park, 23 Mason Street, Bethel. Hours: Monday 1 to 4 p.m., Thursday 4 to 6 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Donations of gently-used clothing only accepted during open hours - No exceptions. FMI: 824-4090. Clothing may also be left at Northeast Bank, Main Street, Bethel Monday through Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thursday and Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Food Pantry; Nazarene Church, Park Street, Bethel. By appointment only (824-0369).

Thursday, Jan. 2

THS/TMS Volunteer Information; 1 to 3 p.m., Bethel Library. Rosemary Bunn will be available to share information on volunteering at Telstar. FMI: write_to_rosemary@yahoo.com.

Fridays, Jan. 3 through March 14

Friday Night Town League Race Series; 5 to 8 p.m., Mt. Abram. Teams of 3 to 7 will compete for the overall championship (team members must be age 21 or over). Drop-ins of all ages are welcome to run the course as an additional NASTAR race. Entry fee: \$60 per person for 12-week series team members, \$7 per person for drop-ins. Weekly after race party at Loose Boots Lounge with awards, raffles, drink specials and live music.

Friday, Jan. 3

Après Ski; 3 p.m., The Foggy Goggle. Live music with Dave Gutter.

Saturday, Jan. 4

State Line Snowmobile Club Meeting; 9 a.m., Upton House.

Après Ski; 3 p.m., Barker Bar. Live music with Eric Greene.

Après Ski; 3 p.m., The Foggy Goggle. Live music with Sly-Chi.

Jones Dance Band; 7 to 10 p.m., Legion Hall, Church Street, South Paris. \$5/Adults. Come have a great time.

First Annual Rocky and Bullwinkle Theme Party; 9 p.m., Loose Boots Lounge, Mt. Abram. Dress up as your favorite character and let the good times roll. Prize for best costume. This is a 21+ event.

Sunday, Jan. 5

Christmas Cantata; 4 p.m., Locke's Mills Union Church. Refreshments to follow. Everyone is welcome.

Jan. 6 and 7

Community Auditions for Oxford Hills Biennial Broadway Production; 6:30 to 9 p.m., Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School. Actors of all ages needed. Those auditioning are asked to not bring their own musical piece.

Monday, Jan. 6

Essentials of College Planning for adults 19 and over; 10 a.m., Western Maine University and Community College Center, South Paris. FMI/Registration: 1-800-281-3703 or <http://meoc.maine.edu>. Free and open to the public.

Socrates Café Meeting; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Waterford Library. Topic: "Is Information Gathering Good for Society?" Moderator: Joanne Morse. Coffee and light refreshments available. FMI: 583-6957.

Tuesday, Jan. 7

Small Business Launch Box Party; 9 to 11 a.m., White Mountains Community College, 2020 Riverside Avenue, Berlin, N.H. The Launch Box is designed to be an all-inclusive box full of material to start a business. Everything needed to start or grow a business is included - forms for name registration, applying for an EIN number, marketing info and more. Early registration recommended. FMI/registration: Joyce Presby (603-717-5457).

Friday, Jan. 10

Red Bull Frozen Rush; 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sunday River Resort, 15 South Ridge Road, Newry. An off-road truck race like no other - eight 900-horsepower Pro4 trucks and their experienced professional drivers hit the slopes for a head-to-head race on the steep and unpredictable snowy terrain. FMI: www.redbull.com/frozenrush.

Open House; 1 to 4 p.m., Greenwood Town Office, Gore Road, Locke's Mills.

Winter Dance; 6 to 8 p.m., 85 Lincoln Avenue, Rumford. Music by Joe "the Music Man" Sirois. Proceeds to benefit the Hope Association. Refreshments will be available.

Saturday, Jan. 11

Open House for the public by Oxford County Mineral & Gem Association; 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Franklin Grange in Bryant Pond. Club members will be on hand to identify and appraise rocks and minerals. There will be items for sale, including crystals and jewelry. There will also be a silent auction and a chance to buy raffle tickets for three tourmaline rings.

Full Moon Hike; 5 p.m., Mt. Abram. Skis and boards will be transported to the top so hikers can ski or ride back down following the hike.

Snow Valley Sno-Goers Potluck/Meeting; Sno-Goers clubhouse off Route 5 in Andover. Potluck begins at 6 p.m. - please bring a dish to share. Business meeting begins at 7 p.m. Anyone interested in area snowmobile events is invited to attend.

Woodstock Historical Society Meeting; 6 p.m., Town Office Complex. Following the meeting, there will be a presentation on the life of Ezra Stephens, "Oxford County's Barnum." Stephens, a pioneer in the early days of the circus business, was also a Bryant Pond shopkeeper whose store was well known throughout the state for its curious and varied collection of items. The public is welcome to attend. FMI: 875-3800.

Living on a Bad Name; 7 p.m., The Foggy Goggle, South Ridge, Sunday River. Bon Jovi tribute band - a guaranteed energetic show.

Jones Dance Band; 7 to 10 p.m., Legion Hall, Church Street, South Paris. \$5/Adults. Come have a great time.

Monday, Jan. 13

Essentials of College Planning for adults 19 and over; 10 a.m., Western Maine University and Community College Center, South Paris. FMI/Registration: 1-800-281-3703 or <http://meoc.maine.edu>. Free and open to the public.

Hoopalula's Fire Gaia; 6:45 p.m., South Ridge base area, Sunday River. Hoopalula takes "hooping" to the next level by adding fire to their performances! Fire-dancing adds exceptional flair and provides sizzling entertainment that will leave you raving for more. This is a free event.

Fireworks; 7:30 p.m. South Ridge Lodge, Sunday River.

Tuesday, Jan. 14

Small Business Seminar; 9 to 11 a.m., White Mountains Community College, 2020 Riverside Avenue, Berlin, N.H. Topic: Legal Issues. Open to the public. FMI/registration: Joyce Presby (603-717-5457).

Multi-disciplinary visual arts performance set to "Rhapsody in Blue;" 7 p.m., Bingham Auditorium, Gould Academy. FMI/tickets: www.mahosucarts.org or 890-6386. Tickets are \$15; free for students under the age of 18.

Rainforest Reptile Show; 7 p.m., Grand Summit Hotel. They're exotic crawlers, unusual "slitherers" and fascinating creepers: They are the creatures of the rainforest. Educates and entertains people of all ages about reptiles, animals, and the importance of preserving their natural habitats. Tickets: Adults/\$8, Children 12 and under/\$5, under 5 free.

Master Gardener Volunteer Training Application Deadline; This 15-week course will begin Wednesday, Jan. 29, 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. Participants will learn the art and science of how plants grow and volunteer time to

Main Harvest for Hunger and other garden-related community projects. FMI/Applications: Visit <http://umaine.edu/oxford/programs/> or call 1-800-287-1482.

Thursday, Jan. 16

Ski the East Day; Mt. Abram. Guests wearing Ski the East gear will get a free lift ticket. Free demos from Worth skis and Launch snowboards will be available. There will be an après ski party with live music and giveaways in the Loose Boots Lounge.

Mad Science Hands-on Discovery Booth; 6 p.m., Grand Summit Hotel. A fun, interactive and educational program that instills children with a clear understanding of what science is and how it affects their world. Tickets: Adults/\$8, Children 12 and under/\$5, under 5 free.

Saturday, Jan. 18

Après Ski Party; 3:30 p.m., Mt. Abram. Live music by Pat Foley and over \$3,000 in giveaways.

Illusionist Jason Bishop; 7 p.m., Grand Summit Hotel. Bishop is an international award-winning illusionist - the youngest person to win the Magician's Alliance of Eastern States Stage Award. A surprisingly funny, truly magical show. Tickets: Adults/\$8, Children 12 and under/\$5, under 5 free.

Dead Sessions; 7 p.m., The Foggy Goggle. A live performance by one of the favorite Grateful Dead tribute bands of the Northeast.

Jones Dance Band; 7 to 10 p.m., Legion Hall, Church Street, South Paris. \$5/Adults. Come have a great time.

Fireworks; 8:30 p.m. South Ridge Lodge, Sunday River.

Tuesday, Jan. 21

Small Business Seminar; 9 to 11 a.m., White Mountains Community College, 2020 Riverside Avenue, Berlin, N.H. Topic: Financial issues. Open to the public. FMI/registration: Joyce Presby (603-717-5457).

Saturday, Jan. 25

Family Fun Day; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Five Fields Farm, South Bridgton. Musers Bowl Weekend, snowshoeing, sliding, snowman building, hot drinks, food and a campfire. FMI: 647-4352 or jon@lelt.org.

2nd Annual Cause for Laughter; 5 p.m., Mt. Abram. A charity comedy event to raise money and awareness for children and families affected by Autism.

Jones Dance Band; 7 to 10 p.m., Legion Hall, Church Street, South Paris. \$5/Adults. Come have a great time.

Fireworks; 8:30 p.m. South Ridge Lodge, Sunday River.

Sunday, Jan. 26

SAD 44 Ski Free Day; Sunday River Ski Resort. Free lift ticket, free rental, free adult learn to ski/ride clinic. 50 percent food and beverage discount.

Tuesday, Jan. 28

Small Business Seminar; 9 to 11 a.m., White Mountains Community College, 2020 Riverside Avenue, Berlin, N.H. Topic: Marketing information about branding and the need for marketing materials. Open to the public. FMI/registration: Joyce Presby (603-717-5457).

Saturday, Feb. 1

Maine Telemark Festival; Mt. Abram. Clinics, lessons, giveaways, and live music all day.

Sunday, Feb. 2

Ski for Mason's Mission; Mt. Abram. Proceeds of lift ticket sales will go to Mason, a toddler with severe health challenges who requires treatments not covered by insurance. FMI: Visit <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Masons-Mission/343438545762098>.

Tuesday, Feb. 4

Small Business Seminar; 9 to 11 a.m., White Mountains Community College, 2020 Riverside Avenue, Berlin, N.H. Topic: Business planning. Open to the public. FMI/registration: Joyce Presby (603-717-5457).

FISHING

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"Anglers are doing well at McGrath Pond in Oakland," mentioned IFW fisheries biologist Jason Seiders. "We stocked it heavily with brook trout, and people have been fishing."

Anglers also may want to head over to Jamies Pond in Manchester, as this season, it is now open to ice fishing.

"That's another pond we stocked with ice fishing in mind. There are three age classes of brook trout in Jamies Pond," said Seiders. The season on Jamies opens on Jan. 1; expect to find trout from the fingerling size up to four pounds.

Anglers will also want to try Dutton Pond in Knox, and Sanborn Pond in Brooks. Those two ponds were also stocked with multiple ages of brook trout, and also some retired brown trout brood stock. Seiders said that some of the brown trout weigh up to ten pounds.

Young anglers will also want to mark Feb. 1 on their calendars to head over to Wiley Pond in Boothbay. The department worked with the Boothbay Region Fish and Game Association to reopen the pond to ice fishing and it will be open to youth anglers/complimentary licenses with a two line limit, and no use of live fish for bait. The pond was heavily stocked this fall, and should provide fast action for young anglers.

Region C - Downeast

This season Downeast, anglers will have opportunities they haven't seen in years.

"We just started stocking rainbow trout in Jones Pond in Gouldsboro," said IFW fisheries biologist Greg Burr. "This is the first stocking of rainbows in this area since 1979. People are very excited."

Jones Pond is open now, but it is artificial lures only and catch-and-release for all trout. Starting Jan. 1, anglers will be able to keep rainbows.

"People who are familiar with fishing through the ice for rainbows say that the best way to fish for them is with worms. A lot of times they don't respond well to shiners," said Burr.

Parents who want to take their kids fishing this holiday break should head over to the youth waters at Foxhole Pond in Deblols and to the Penobscot County Conservation Association in Brewer. At Foxhole, there are three different ages of stocked trout, including some very large brood stock. Burr mentioned that there is a local taxidermist that has done many mounts over the years for kids who were lucky enough to catch one of these large fish.

If you are looking to catch a large brood stock salmon, try these lakes: Pleasant River in Beddington; Mopang Lake in Township 29; Lower Springy Pond in Otis; Brewer Lake in Orrington; and Hopkins Pond in Mariaville. Many of these ponds also have stocked trout as well.

Landlocked salmon anglers will want to check out Cathance Lake in Cooper, Branch Lake in Ellsworth, Gardner's Lake in East Machias, Long Pond on MDI, Beech Hill Pond in Otis, Donnell Pond in Franklin and Tunk Lake in Township 10 SD.

If you are looking for togue, head to Green Lake in Ellsworth which regularly produces togue over 10 pounds, Branch Lake in Ellsworth where Burr encourages the harvest of togue and there is no size or bag limit on togue under 23 inches, Tunk Lake, West Musquash in Tallmudge, Pocumcus Lake, Phillips lake in Dedham and Beech Hill Pond.

Brook trout will be found at Lakewood Pond in Bar Harbor, Round Pond in Someville, Eagle Lake in Bar Harbor, Mon-

tegal Pond in T 19, Indian Lake in Whiting, Keely Lake in Marshfield and Schoodic Lake in Cherryfield.

Lovejoy Pond in Township 35 just opened this season to ice fishing, and the trout stocked there this fall are in the 12 to 16 inch range.

Anglers looking for a little adventure and the road less travelled out to head to three different ponds in Township 10 near Tunk Lake.

"For the people who make the effort to hike into these ponds, it will be well worth the effort," said Burr.

Region D - Rangeley Lakes

In Region D, there are several options for early season ice fishing.

"Anglers ought to try Crowell Pond in Chesterville, right off Route 41," says IFW Fisheries Biologist Bobby Van Riper. "We stocked a thousand brook trout there."

Anglers who are looking for waters to ice fish prior to Jan. 1 should look for waters marked A in the northern counties section of the law book.

Popular early season ponds also include Norcross Pond in Chesterville and Roxbury Pond in Roxbury; others include Parker Pond and Sand Pond in Chesterville.

However, most of the ice fishing ponds in this region open up Jan. 1. One of the more popular destinations early season is the Chain of Ponds north of Eustis on Route 27. The department stocked 1,400 brook trout there this fall. Anglers should remember that this is a flowing water, and the ice can get thin in the narrows and around points.

If you are looking fish some of the bigger waters in the region, check out Webb Lake in Weld, Wilsons Lake in Wilton, Embden Pond in Embden and Wesserunsett in Madison. Smaller waters you may want to check out include Clearwater in Industry, Ironbound in Solon and Wilson's Lake in Wilton. Another favorite in this region is Spring Lake, just north of Flagstaff Lake in T3 R5.

Region E - Moosehead Region

Compiled by IFW Fisheries Biologist Tim Obrey

Can we declare the end of global warming? Probably not, but we can find some reason to be thankful for the cold wintery weather that enveloped the North Woods in November and December. As the snow birds fled south to warmer climes, old man winter brought the rest of us hardy souls an early ice-in. We have already seen a "furry" of ice fishing activity on our smaller ponds like Fitzgerald Pond and Prong Pond, both of which are stocked with 12 to 14 inch brook trout in late fall to provide some early ice fishing action.

To the south of us, Brann's Mill Pond and Harlow Pond should be fishing well as we approach the traditional start of the ice fishing season. Drummond Pond in Abbot is open to kids only and is also stocked just before the ice forms in the fall. We'd like to thank those individuals that have generously plowed out the parking area at Drummond Pond and Fitzgerald Pond. I'm sure the anglers appreciate it as well.

Of course one of the hottest early season favorites is Big Wood Pond in Jackman. The pond is stocked with splake and brook trout (including some adults) and even an occasional salmon is caught. Access is very easy, with plenty of parking in this friendly town and snowmobile trails onto the lake. This is a terrific place to take the family to catch a limit in January.

We've been riding the wave of big brook trout on Moosehead Lake for the past several years. It is unclear how long it will last, but we've seen and heard of many trophy trout from Maine's largest lake recently. The best trout fishing is early in the season and anglers should be tight to shore amongst the rocks. Don't forget the 7th Annual Moosehead Lake Togue Derby will be Jan. 24 to 26 this year. It is a great opportunity to win some prizes while helping us control the lake trout population in the lake.

As always, check the ice before venturing out in unfamiliar territory. No fish is worth a surprise dip in the lake this time of year.

Region F - Penobscot Region

Like most of the state, ice fishing came early to Region F. "A lot of years we are wondering if we will have good ice on Jan. 1, but Cold Stream Pond iced up over a week ago, weeks ahead of normal," said IFW fisheries biologist Nels Kramer who added that a lot of area waters were buttoned up.

Two popular destinations for ice fishing include Sebobeis Lake in T4 R9 and Endless lake in T3 R9. There's good access to Endless by snowmobile. Another option is Schoodic Lake in Brownville. Wintertime offers some very good landlocked and brook trout fishing on the lake. IFW staff will be conducting creel census surveys on Schoodic, Sebobeis and Endless this season.

If you want to head a little further north and east, Matagam-on Lake, East Grand and Pemadumcook Lake all offer good ice fishing opportunities for trout, salmon and togue.

Perhaps more importantly, due to the cold weather, it looks as though this season, anglers will have a variety of lakes and ponds they can choose from for ice fishing.

"There seems to be a good base for snowmobiling," says Kramer, "I'm looking forward to a Jan. 1 opening where many lakes and ponds are frozen and you can travel by snowmobile all over the area."

Region G - Aroostook Region

It may be early in the ice fishing season, but anglers are taking advantage of fishing opportunities at Scapan Lake and Mud Pond in Linneus. Both were stocked heavily with brook trout earlier this season, and anglers are out enjoying the early season ice conditions.

Other ponds for those looking to get out early include Arnold Brook Lake in Presque Isle, and Hodgdon Pond in Hodgdon. Arnold Brook has excellent brook trout fishing and a two trap limit, and Hodgdon Pond is stocked with brown trout.

"We have seen a lot of people out on our early waters and they are catching fish," said IFW fisheries biologist Frank Frost.

Many in the area, however, look forward to Jan. 1 and the traditional opening of ice fishing season.

"Our ice conditions are pretty good, we have five to nine inches of ice on a lot of our lakes," said Frost.

Already there is up to a half a foot of ice on portions of Long Pond and Square Pond. That's good news for anglers, since the past several years, both of those ponds have had somewhat sketchy ice conditions on opening day.

In southern Aroostook, Nickerson Lake in New Limerick has both browns and brookies, and Drews Lake in Linneus offers both browns and splake. Anglers may also want to test Spaulding Lake in Oakfield for brook trout.

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Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

RIDDLE SEARCH - SCHOOL DAYS

Look up, down, and diagonally, both forward and backward to find every word on the list. Circle each one as you find it. When all the words are circled, take the UNUSED letters and write them on the blanks below. Go from left to right and top to bottom to find the answer to this riddle: What is a runner's favorite subject in school?

- ARTS
- ATLAS
- BOOKS
- CHALK
- CLASS
- GLUE
- GYM
- HOMEWORK
- LEARNING
- PAD
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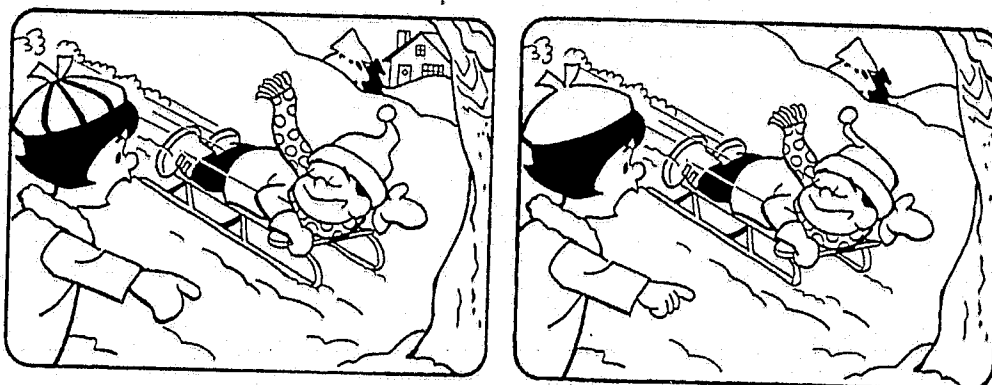
Riddle answer: _____

For more puzzle fun, go to www.braintzles.com

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences:
1. Hat is different. 2. Mitten is missing. 3. Scarf is shorter. 4. Sled runners are shorter. 5. Cap tassel is missing. 6. House is missing.

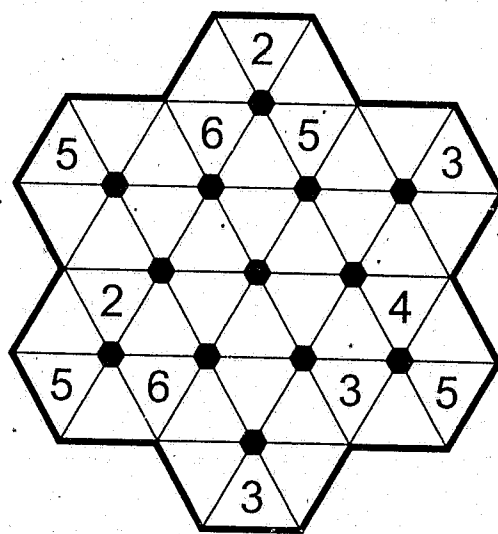
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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the number 1-6 around each of them.

No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.

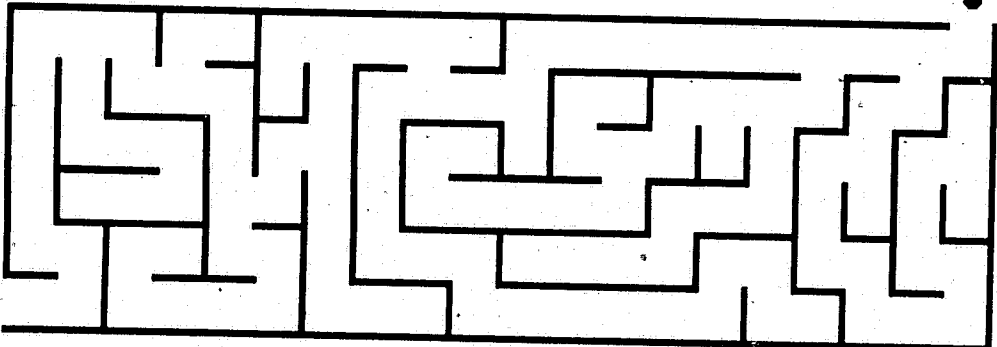


DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Easy ♦♦ Medium ♦♦♦ Difficult

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Kids' Maze

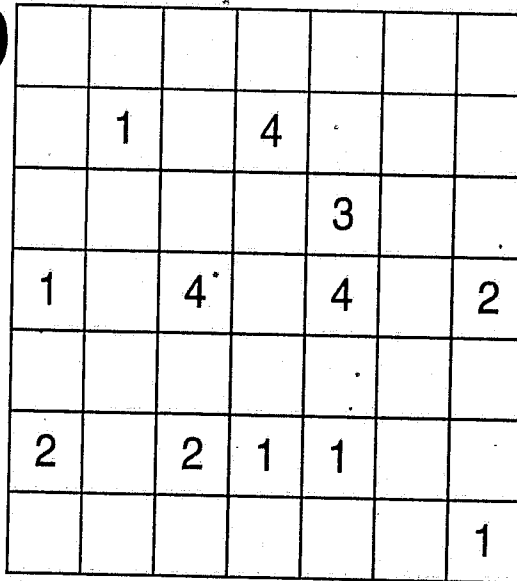


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Star★Map

By Linda Thistle

Draw a star in exactly 10 of the empty squares in the diagram so that each numbered square accurately indicates how many immediately adjacent squares (horizontally, vertically or diagonally) contain a star.



DIFFICULTY: ★★

★ Easy ★★ Moderate ★★★ YOWZA!

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Super Crossword

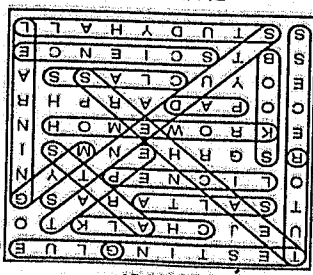
CANINE NOTABLES

- ACROSS**
- 1 Shackle
 - 7 Sweeper, for short
 - 10 Allegation
 - 15 Steep, rugged cliff
 - 19 Imprudent
 - 20 Anger
 - 21 Burly
 - 22 Mister, in Munster
 - 23 Canine
 - 24 "Midnight Rider"
 - 26 Have — in one's bonnet
 - 27 Having the flu, e.g.
 - 28 Prefix with sex or cycle
 - 29 Opera feature
 - 30 Making a gondola go
 - 32 Canine
 - 33 "Highway to Heaven" co-star?
 - 38 Zoo
 - 40 19th of 24 Greek letters
 - 41 Cager Ming
 - 42 Examines
 - 43 Sponge up
 - 45 See 44-
 - 49 Davenport and divan
 - 51 Canine 2004 presidential hopeful?
 - 57 Trio less one
 - 58 Supermarket scanner
 - 59 "Hulk" director Ang
 - 61 Grainy, as beer or ale
 - 66 "Fear Factor" ailer
 - 68 By way of
 - 69 Hemingway or Tubb
 - 72 Canine
 - 73 "Memoirs of a Geisha" novelist?
 - 77 "American —" (Richard Gere film)
 - 78 Legendary coach
 - 79 Patriotic women's org.
 - 80 Moist, as a turkey
 - 81 Same: Prefix
 - 82 Heartaches
 - 86 "Get him, Fido!"
 - 88 Canine
 - 89 "On the Waterfront" Oscar winner?
 - 97 "That's easy for you —!"
 - 98 Auld lang —
 - 99 Pope after Adrian I
 - 100 Weed killer brand
 - 103 Backwoods negative
 - 105 No longer active: Abbr.
 - 108 Averages
 - 109 Canine
 - 115 Port on Lake Erie
 - 116 Disaster relief org.
 - 117 Stew morsel
 - 118 Gobbled up
 - 121 The "I" of RPI: Abbr.
 - 122 Canine
 - 123 Three-time Daytona 500 winner?
 - 128 "Garfield" canine
 - 129 Central Florida city
 - 130 Ethane, e.g.
 - 131 "No lie!"
 - 132 D.C. ball club
 - 133 Alpine warble
 - 134 Lyrical poem
 - 135 Twiches
 - 1 Japanese volcano
 - 2 Carbon compound
 - 3 Around 93-Down
 - 4 Twitch
 - 5 That, in León
 - 6 Snip anew
 - 7 Meredith, formerly of "Today"
 - 8 Abbr. at JFK
 - 9 Joker player
 - 10 Sequence
 - 11 Extreme folly
 - 12 "Near — can tell..."
 - 13 DDE's nickname
 - 14 "Skip to —" (kids' tune)
 - 15 Ninth-century king called "the Bald"
 - 16 Makes a new proposal
 - 17 Response to "Am sol"
 - 18 Rocker
 - 19 Allman and pitcher Olson
 - 24 Muscle woe
 - 25 Paid intro?
 - 31 "I do" setting
 - 33 Hip to
 - 34 Popped top
 - 35 Great anger
 - 36 Simply must
 - 37 Greeted the villain
 - 38 Rule, in India
 - 39 "True Blood" ailer
 - 44 With 45-Down
 - 46 Across, recuperation aid
 - 47 Peter out
 - 48 Toil
 - 49 Shroud city
 - 50 Less limited
 - 52 Ladder part
 - 53 Film prefix
 - 54 Virtual with Cop
 - 55 Min.
 - 56 Zero out
 - 60 To be, to Fifi
 - 61 Biblical trio
 - 62 Crop up
 - 63 State's #2
 - 64 Exec.
 - 65 Brynner on Broadway
 - 67 Irish county
 - 70 BBQ meat
 - 71 Tohr's union
 - 73 Parks and Ponselle
 - 74 Metal debris
 - 75 Part of NE
 - 76 Daily Chi-
 - 83 Chimp kin
 - 84 Qatari money
 - 85 Ungodliness
 - 87 Disney
 - 89 Jocks
 - 90 Copied cattle
 - 91 "I, Claudius" role
 - 92 Contact lens cleaner brand
 - 93 Middy
 - 94 Show times
 - 95 Hoop part
 - 96 Belittle, in rap
 - 100 Alternative
 - 101 The Beach Boys' "Help Me, —"
 - 102 Semihard, mild cheese
 - 104 — ball (game played with a plastic bat)
 - 106 Unveil
 - 107 After that
 - 110 "But there is — in Mudville..."
 - 111 Actor
 - 112 Med. group
 - 113 City in North Dakota
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 - 119 Squad
 - 120 Has it wrong
 - 123 Prefix with tour or type
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 - 125 Family guy
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 - 127 Old rival of United

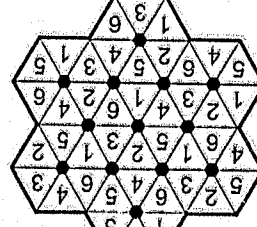


Kids' Maze Solution

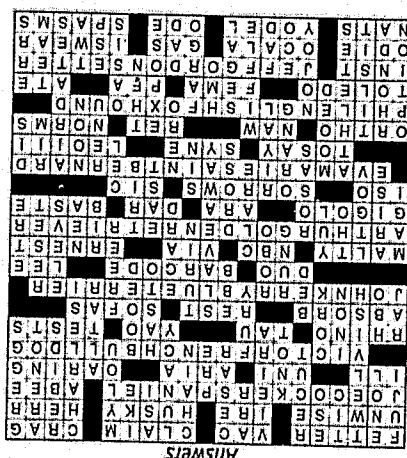
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1. Verge; 2. Glance;
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solution



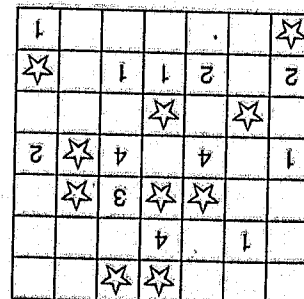
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ANSWERS:

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Hikers trigger avalanche in Tuckerman Ravine

Pinkham Notch, N.H. — Two hikers sustained non-life-threatening injuries in an avalanche in Tuckerman Ravine on Saturday, Dec. 28. The hikers were traveling as a group of four to the summit of Mt. Washington. On the descent, they separated into two groups of two, and due to low visibility two individuals missed the turn from the Tuckerman Ravine Trail onto the Lion Head Trail and continued down toward Tuckerman Ravine. They unknowingly entered into an avalanche path known as "the Lip," triggering an avalanche.

The avalanche carried them approximately 800 vertical feet over rocks, cliffs, and icy snow surfaces. They came to rest at the bottom of the ravine near an area known as "Lunch Rocks." Injured and disoriented, they decided to try to climb back up to where they had fallen from. They climbed upward about 200 feet on steep snow along a route that closely follows the Tuckerman Ravine hiking trail. They were able to hike with assistance down to Hermit Lake Shelters. From there they were transported by the US Forest Service Snowcat to ambulances waiting at Pinkham Notch.

Avalanche danger for this area in Tuckerman Ravine was rated "Considerable." See http://www.avalanche.org/danger_card.php for the North American Public Avalanche Danger Scale descriptions. The Considerable rating takes into account the potential for a person to trigger an avalanche, and under this rating this potential is "likely."

The US Forest Service encourages anyone traveling on Mt. Washington in winter conditions to seek out current information prior to their trip, even if they do not intend to travel into Tuckerman or Huntington Ravine. The Mount Washington Avalanche Center website is updated daily with current conditions. Whiteout conditions on Mt. Washington can be incredibly disorienting, even for very experienced winter hikers. Visitors are strongly advised to bring maps, compasses, and GPS units, and to become proficient in using them before traveling into challenging conditions. Avalanche education courses are offered locally throughout the winter by a number of providers. Basic level courses are very useful because they can help visitors recognize and avoid avalanche terrain.

The rescue was successfully carried out by members of various organizations that continue to contribute to highly skilled team of responders:

- US Forest Service Snow Rangers
- Mountain Rescue Service, North Conway
- International Mountain Climbing School, North Conway
- Appalachian Mountain Club, Pinkham Notch
- Harvard Mountaineering Club, Pinkham Notch
- Androscoggin Valley Search and Rescue, Gorham
- A handful of other hikers and climbers

The White Mountain National Forest operates the Mount Washington Avalanche Center to provide daily safety information and search and rescue services to the public. Although beautiful, the mountains contain many hazards for visitors to be aware of which are reported on www.mountwashingtonavalanche.org by the Forest Service. Avalanches, icefall, weather, undermined snow, and crevasses can all become objective mountain hazards that create a level of risk. Knowing where they are and when they may be worse can help visitors make better decisions for their own safety. For more information visit the Avalanche Center website.

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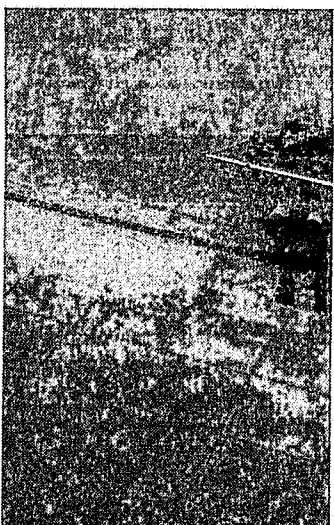
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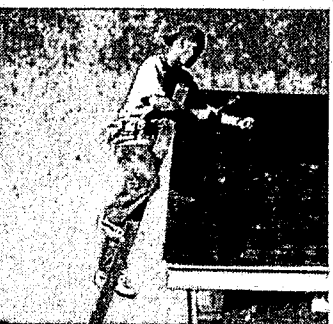
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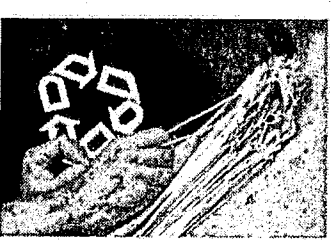
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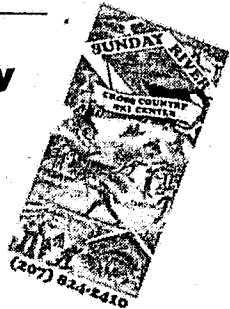
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Obituaries



LOIS R. GRAHAM

Lois R. Graham, 60, of Norway, died in the early morning of Tuesday, Dec. 24 at Stephens Memorial Hospital. Lois was born in Rumford on Dec. 26, 1952 to Robert and Ruth (Patenaud) Graham of Andover. She attended Andover schools and continued on to become a CNA and LPN/Hospice Nurse. She worked with the elderly as a hospice nurse for 20 years. Lois liked making crafts, gardening and yard sales. Her most special times were spent with her grandchildren. She called them the "lights of her life." They were her whole world.

She is survived and will be greatly missed by her four children, Rob and wife Aimie, Melissa, Michelle and Shawn; her grandchildren, Hunter and Zachery, Ryan and Courtney, Jakob, Matthew and Alyssa; her sister, Diane Farnum of Roxbury; and seven other siblings, Debbie, Robbie, Ricky, Randy, Pam, Gail and Bob; her great nephews, Logan and Liam Graham of Rumford, who adored their "Auntie Lois;" her dog, Hailey whom she loved very much; and many other cousins, nieces, nephews and friends. She was predeceased by

her parents; a sister, Betty; and her Aunt Lois Farnington.

Donations in her memory may be made to the American Heart Association, 51 US Route 1, Suite M, Scarborough, Maine, 04074.

Online condolences may be shared with her family at www.chandlerfunerals.com



CHARLES HOPKINS, JR.

Charles E. Hopkins, Jr., (Chooch) died unexpectedly and peacefully at his home in Newry on Dec. 26, 2013. He was born on May 17, 1976 to Charles E. Hopkins, Sr. and Roxanne J. Berry. He graduated from Telstar Regional High School in 1995. He worked at many local restaurants including the Boiler Room (where he first learned to cook with mentor Gary Savage, Sr.), Lakeside Restaurant, Bottle and Bag, Gould Academy and most recently at Sunday River Ski resort.

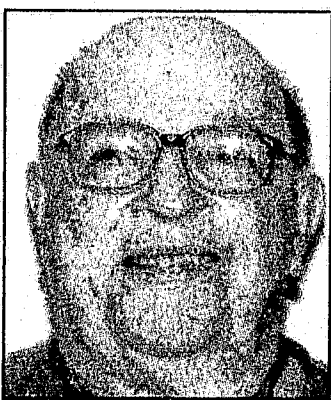
He loved to watch wrestling with his younger brother and the Red Sox and Patriots with his stepdad. He loved to cook, watch cooking shows and he never missed a cookout. Chooch loved to shop with his mother and lunch at the Kowloon Village. He loved

animals, especially dogs and cats. He always had a smile or a kind word that could turn a bad day into a good one.

He is survived by his best friend, his dog Bruiser; his father Charles; his parents Rocky and Scott Berry; brother, Devon; sister, Carolyn Hall; stepsister, Mandy Berry; stepbrother, Jason Berry and his wife Sarah; along with several nephews, nieces, aunts and uncles. He was predeceased by his sister Ragan, his uncle Fenton Damon, his aunt Sylvia Tutko and all grandparents.

There will be a celebration of life for Charles Sunday, Jan. 5, from 12 to 3 p.m. at the Bear River Grange Hall, 71 Bear River Road, Newry. Arrangements are under the care of Chandler Funeral Homes and Cremation Service, 37 Vernon Street, Bethel.

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WARREN A. HART

Warren A. Hart, 76, of Mechanic Falls died Wednesday, Dec. 25 at Central Maine Medical Center. He was born in South Paris on Jan. 17, 1937, the son of Arthur C. and Inez May Es-

tes Hart. He had been employed as a janitor for St. Johnsbury Trucking until he became disabled. He married Muriel J. Durgin on Oct. 6, 1962. He loved fishing, hunting and traveling. He enjoyed listening to country music, bluegrass and gospel. He loved spending time with his grandchildren and family. He is survived by his son, Roy Hart; his daughter, Arleen Heath and her boyfriend Corey Mawhinney; seven grandchildren; 15 great grandchildren; and a sister, Lillian Osgood and her husband Jr. Osgood.

He was predeceased by his wife and a sister, Priscilla Currier.

Memorial services will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 7 at 1 p.m. at the Alliance Church in Bethel. Interment will be at Wayside Cemetery in West Paris in the spring. Arrangements are under the care of Chandler Funeral Homes and Cremation Service, 37 Vernon Street, Bethel.

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CARRIE O. JACKSON

Carrie O. Jackson, 63, of West Paris, passed away on Friday Dec. 20, 2013 at

Ledgeview Living Center surrounded by her family and friends following a long battle with lung disease. She was born in Lewiston, on Nov. 18, 1950, the daughter of the late Henry W. Jackson and Rosabelle Mae Campbell Jackson. She went to school at Leavitt Area High School and not long after, met her long-time companion, the late Donald Cox, and chose to make her home in Woodstock. She spent her years being a wonderful mother and homemaker always having lots of love to give for all the children in the neighborhood. She had a great love of Elvis Presley and will forever be remembered for never having forgotten to send a birthday, anniversary or holiday card out to a loved one. She leaves behind a son, Donald "Tucky" Jackson and his wife Stephanie of Woodstock; grandchildren Katrina Bean and husband Robert of South Paris and Travis Jackson of Woodstock; great-grandchildren Cody A. Bean and Autumn P. Bean of South Paris; brothers, Edgar Jackson and wife Maria of Nashua, N.H., Ronald Jackson and wife Ursel of Fayetteville, Ark. and Tom Jackson and wife Laurie of Bradford, Vt.; sisters Bee Conrad and husband Roy of Mt. Bethel, Pa., and Frances Caswell and husband Richard of Belmont, Mass. and many nieces and nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews.

She was predeceased by two brothers, Kenny Jackson and her twin, Elmer Jackson.

A service in her memory will be held at Ledgeview

Living Center in West Paris on Sunday, Jan. 5, 2014 at 2 p.m. Arrangements are under the care of Chandler Funeral Homes and Cremation Service, 64 Andrews Road, Bryant Pond.

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MAYNARD A. MORGAN

Maynard A. Morgan died peacefully with his family at his side on Dec. 27, 2013. Maynard was born on April 1, 1946 at Rumford Hospital to Arthur Wells Morgan and Beryl (Brown) Morgan. He attended Bethel schools and graduated from Gould Academy in 1964. He attended the University of Maine, Orono and SMVTI where he received an associate degree in Automotive and Criminology. He was in the U.S. Army from 1968 to 1970 where he did time in Korea on the DMZ. He worked at Gould Academy as the Director of Buildings and Grounds for 37 years before retiring.

He is survived by his wife Linda (Grover) Morgan whom he married on Aug. 26, 1972. They had four lovely daughters and two wonderful grandsons; Pammi Everett and her husband Forrie, Julie Morgan and her son Austin Coward, Nancy Morgan and her son Wyatt Nickerson and Cathy Bernice and her husband Lucien Bernier.

Maynard's family will have a private family service in his memory. He was loved greatly by his family and will be dearly missed.

Arrangements by Cliff Gray Cremation and Funeral Services, 60 Andrews Road, Bryant Pond.

Engagement



Forkus/Gilbert

Announcement is made of the engagement of Danielle Mae Forkus and Nicholas Randall Gilbert of Bethel.

Miss Forkus is the daughter of Susan and the late Michael Forkus of Bryant Pond. She is a 2006 graduate of Telstar Regional High School and a 2008 graduate of CMCC with an Associate Degree in Liberal Arts. She recently received an Associate Degree in Medical Assisting and will be working in a local medical facility.

Mr. Gilbert is the son of Brent and Mary Gilbert of West Bethel. He is 2005 Graduate of Telstar Regional High School. He attended CMCC and also completed the Law Enforcement course while residing in Bangor. He is currently employed by the Paris Police Department and recently graduated from the Maine Criminal Justice Academy.

The wedding is being planned for October 2014.

Birth

Brantley David Michael Clough

Kalene Robertson and Trivette Clough of Albany and South Paris are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby boy, Brantley David Michael Clough, born on Dec. 4, 2013 at 6:40 a.m. at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 8 pounds, 1 ounce.

Maternal grandparents are Rhonda Robertson and the late Kenneth Robertson.

Paternal grandparents are Lynn Locke of South Paris and Harold Clough, Jr. of Bethel.

Brantley joins canine best friend, Diesel, age 2 years.

Births

Quincy Jude Tate Koskela

Maranda and Taneli Koskela of Bethel are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby boy, Quincy Jude Tate Koskela, born on Dec. 5, 2013 at 6:40 a.m. at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 8 pounds, 15 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Clay and Judy Gould of Bethel.

Paternal grandmother is Linda Koskela of Woodstock. Quincy joins three brothers, Hunter, age 6; Carson, age 4 and Grayson, age 1.

Ryder Michael Brackett

Robby Brackett and Rhiannon Smith of South Paris are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby boy, Ryder Michael Brackett, born on Oct. 31, 2013 at 12:08 a.m. at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 7 pounds, 10 ounces.

Maternal Grandparents are Lori Bridges of Waterford and Michael Smith (deceased). Paternal grandparents are Bob Brackett of South Paris and Patricia Brackett of Auburn.

Ryder joins one sibling, River Blaze Brackett, age 3.

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Next a.m. while the plumber finished hooking up the bathroom fixtures, B.B. and I took a turn around to take stock. The most important part of our new construction, the stringers and supports, a beautiful strong skeleton, was all out of sight. The hole in the roof was no more, there was new insulation in the attic, there were three new ceilings and three half-patched old ceilings, there were two new floors and a subfloor in the dining room. Much had been accomplished as putting new floors and ceilings in the middle of an old house is difficult. Nothing is level, nothing is square. Materials had to be tipped here and sloped judiciously there to meet adjoining walls and doorsills. It looked quite awful to me and I began to wonder if our directions to Buster to just patch it up strongly and never mind the looks had been wise. But B.B. reassured me that Louis was coming tomorrow and said that he could fix anything.

"I thought Louis was a paper hanger and a painter," said I, "not a carpenter and a miracle worker." "So did I, said B.B., "but he said he would come tomorrow, not next August, and he said he would fix things. We may as well go to the city today and buy some wallpaper."

A fine idea but I thought it would be a long time before anything would be ready to paper as I got into my one clean outfit that I kept hanging on the porch in the daytime to keep it as deodorized as possible. It was fun riding through an April snowstorm. We arrived, B.B. went off to buy many mechanical devices needed to shore up floors and I to the wallpaper store. I disliked shopping intensely, like the rest of my family had an unfortunate way of looking about, seeing one thing that I liked only to discover it was too expensive for my purse. After that nothing looked well. But today compromise quickly I would and not come home empty-handed. This was not the time for a long agonizing period of decision making. As soon as the man was ready to help me, I threw myself upon his mercy, showed him what I liked and couldn't afford, that I would bypass my turn while he waited on his other customers, that we'd had a fire, that I'd force myself to settle for something. At the word fire, a look of recognition came over his face and I saw him sniff as he went away. Later he came back with four samples in his hand, explaining that this was imported English wallpaper now out of stock, leftovers which had been in the attic for a few years, not too much of it but the price was low. The paper was entrancing, I

loved it but paused. I had learned that in an old house it was best not to choose paper with a definite design, remembered B.B. and I merrily papering away once only to look back at a wall with the stripes aslant and the medallions lopsided. To be sure, we would not put this paper on and Louis was a pro, but he probably wouldn't want to bother with this. One lot was off-white with embossed empire wreaths in gold; another celadon green with a tiny gold stripe. Not many full rolls but lots of broken ones. But I bought it anyway, thinking sometime next year we could use it in the bathroom or the small bedroom.

I met B.B. at the truck. He was pleased at my large bundle but could hardly believe that I had bought something in only an hour and without dragging him in to look and pass opinion. I guiltily accepted the praise. We stopped for lunch halfway home, then delayed no longer so bravely spoke, "We'd best stop at this shop and look at the wallpaper."

"Why?" said B.B. "The truck is full of paper now." "I bought some odd lots; there may not be enough of anything so we'll get a sample here and it will be easy to phone down an order."

B.B.'s reply was unprintable, but we looked. Since I liked nothing, it was easy to take some samples.

We stopped by to see Howard who was fine and his only complaint was that we didn't visit him often enough. Home, the snow had stopped and the man had finished the bathroom plumbing. Best of all, Louis was coming tomorrow and I could sit back and not work as hard. But I did not know Louis. B.B. had helped him select two horses for his daughter, we had chatted a bit at horse shows and that was all. I knew that he was one of a family of ten who had been raised in a sod house in Canada, that his mother could buy more with fifty cents than most women could with ten dollars. To my answer of how she did it, he answered she did it because she had to and that was it. He was a nervous, dynamic bundle of energy devoted to the welfare of his family.

Then again Louis did not know me. B.B. had come laughing home from the Hudson's where Louis had just redone two rooms. He had told Pat, "I tell you, if B.B. wasn't a good friend of mine, I wouldn't step foot in that old shack. No sir, not one step. Melisande probably expects it to look like a mansion and it can't be done. But I'll go one day, and if she isn't satisfied, I'll quit and that will be it." Here B.B. jabs his right palm forward into empty air for emphasis.

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